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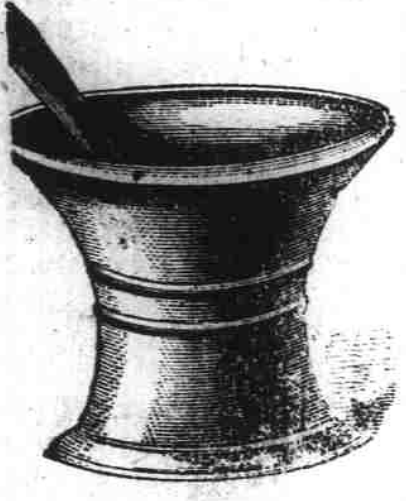


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**WASHINGTON LETTER.**  
Affairs Moving Along Smoothly in Porto Rico.

Governor Allen Gives Very Favorable Report of Conditions in the Island.

Good News Continues to Come From the Philippines—Status of Aguinaldo.

Washington, April 8.—Gov. Allen, of Porto Rico, will not resign. That was settled at a White House conference, a few hours after his arrival in Washington. He has done so well in Porto Rico, that President McKinley asked him to withhold his resignation for a time, and he consented to do so, and after a visit to his old home, in Massachusetts, he will return to the island. Speaking of the island, Gov. Allen said: "Affairs are moving smoothly in Porto Rico. The condition of the island is much improved and in my opinion is now better than it ever was before. A civil government has been established in all its branches and is operating smoothly. The island has not cost the United States a cent, and will soon be raising its own revenue by internal taxation. The revenues of the island, since the passage of the Foraker act by the United States congress, have been produced by the custom duties levied by that act. Next March the law will expire, and the money will come from modes of taxation to be prescribed by the local legislature. By that time the island will be ready to accept the abolition of the customs duties, and free trade between the United States and Porto Rico will probably follow."

**THE NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL.**  
Hon. Philander Chase Knox, the new attorney general, who will at once assume his duties, will be the eighth Pennsylvanian to hold this portfolio in the cabinet. Mr. Knox and President McKinley are old friends. In fact, it was on the advice of Mr. McKinley that Mr. Knox became a lawyer. His standing at home is plainly told by his being president of the famous Duquesne club, of Pittsburgh, and by his having served a term as president of the Pennsylvania Bar association. Mr. Knox is in the prime of life. He will celebrate his forty-eighth birthday next month. His fitness to be attorney general is not questioned by any one.

**THE PHILIPPINES.**  
Secretary Root has just received a personal letter from Gen. Thomas H. Barry, dated at Manila, February 19, which shows the confidence felt by his brother officers in Gen. Funston's ability to succeed in the dangerous task it was then known he had undertaken. Following is an extract from the letter: "The bottom has about dropped out of the insurrection. The insurrection seems to be falling over each other in surrendering themselves and arms. We have Aguinaldo definitely located with good prospects of running him down in the near future. He is now in the town of Palanan, north-east coast of Luzon, about one hundred miles north of Casiguran. Funston is going to make a try for him in a few days. He is going to take desperate chances, but I believe he will bag him."

Gen. MacArthur continues to send good news from the Philippines. The surrender of the armed Filipinos is practically a continuous performance, and no fighting at all is going on. This is so gratifying to President McKinley that he has decided that the total strength of the regular army shall only be enlisted up to three-quarters of the one hundred thousand men authorized by congress, unless later advices from Gen. MacArthur shall make it plain that a larger number will be necessary. It can be stated on the highest authority that Aguinaldo will not be allowed to come to the United States as long as he is considered a prisoner, and how long he will be so regarded will depend upon how he conducts himself, and upon how those who have been his followers conduct themselves. In other words he and the other Filipinos who have been in revolt against the United

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States must live up to the oath of allegiance they have taken to the United States before they are entirely freed from surveillance. Now that things are getting in a satisfactory condition in the islands, this government is fully determined that neither Aguinaldo or any one else shall be given an opportunity to undo the good work that has been done.

**UNVEILING OF THE LOGAN STATUE.**  
Everything is in readiness for the unveiling of the handsome equestrian statue of Gen. John A. Logan, one of the most elaborate as well as most artistic in Washington, which will take place tomorrow. The ceremonies connected with the unveiling include the escorting of President McKinley and his cabinet from the White House to Iowa circle, where the statue is, by United States soldiers and marines under command of Brigadier General Guenther; a major-general's salute of fifteen guns, by United States artillery; addresses by General G. M. Dodge, Rev. Dr. F. M. Bristol, Franklin Simmons, the artist who made the statue, and President McKinley, and a set oration by Senator Depew. Master George Tucker, son of Maj. Tucker, U. S. A. and grandson of Gen. Logan, will unveil the statue.

**CONDITION OF THE JAIL.**  
Praise for Sheriff Staton From the Secretary of the Prison Reform Association.

Editors TIMES: As secretary of the Prison Reform committee appointed by order of the last convention of the Protestant Episcopal church in this district, it gives me much pleasure to acknowledge the receipt from our representative in your county, of a most satisfactory report of the condition of the jail and the discipline maintained among the prisoners.

Many good people entirely mistake the purpose of prison reform workers, and charge them with wishing to "feed prisoners on fruit cake and to dress them in silks and satins." So please say that we have no such ambition; our delight is in hearing of strict discipline being enforced; we know that it is of the first importance. We also know that to attain it requires constant care and watchfulness on the part of the sheriff and his deputies.

In our letter of instructions to our agents are these words: "If no evil exists, it will delight this committee to know it, and to give publicly all praise to the officers who have brought about that happy condition." Therefore in the name of the committee I extend to your sheriff, and to all who have aided him in his difficult duties, our sincere thanks, our hearty praise for the good work they have done, and promise to lay before the next convention, which will meet in Hendersonville, the report that has reached us.

Very Respectfully,  
T. W. PATTON, Sec.  
Asheville, N. C., April 9, 1901.

**LITERARY NOTES**  
"Stringtown on the Pike" has reached a sale of 50,000 copies, and the dramatic rights to it have been sold.  
Mrs. Henry Wood's "East Lynne" is among the English novels which have a constant sale. The MacMillans are just bringing out the five hundredth thousand of this book.

The death is announced of the French author, Felix Gras, who was a judge at Avignon, where he wrote "The Reds of the Midi."

At a recent sale in London a copy of the first edition of the "Ingoldsby Legends" lately brought about \$23. At the same sale a copy of the original edition of Bradshaw's Guide fetched \$125.

"A Prayer of Old Age," a little poem by Robert Bridges, assistant editor of Scribner's Magazine, was recently quoted by the London Academy, which attributed it to Robert Bridges, the English poet.

Andrew Lang is writing a book on "The Mystery of Mary Stuart," especially as to her relations with Bothwell and the other murderers of her husband, Darnley.

Collectors have long been aware that there were seven signatures of John Milton in existence, according to the New York Tribune. An eighth has now appeared in a black letter copy of the Geneva Version of the Bible.

The Massachusetts senate favors a constitutional amendment to permit three-fourths of a jury to render a verdict in civil cases.

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