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TAX FACTS AND FIGURES FOR FREEMEN TO CONSIDER.

There are some instructive figures in the newspapers showing that a republican government has become an exceedingly luxuriant one.

Is there really any good, sound reason why it should necessarily cost more in 1896-1897 to carry on this government than it cost from 1850-60, according to population?

There has been vast, extraordinary growth of population on these shores. In the beginning of this century, from 1790 to 1860, the population of these United States—the latter-day Yankee style is to write "this" United States, a consolidation and even the great sea authority, Captain Mahan writes, etc.—has increased from 3,308,483 to probably 70,000,000 now.

The following table shows the gradual increase of the country's population since 1800, together with the corresponding increase of federal expenditures:

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The plea as to pensions amounts to this: Generals Grant and Garfield (both elected republican presidents) agreed under no consideration should the pensions ever exceed \$21,000,000.

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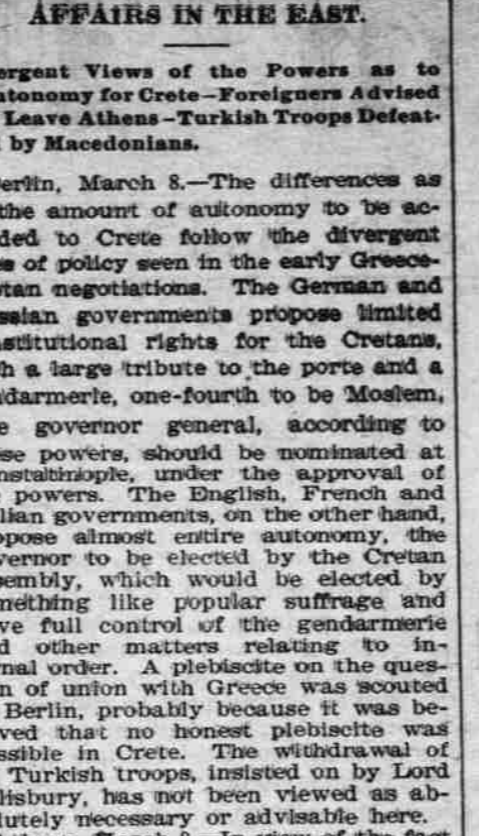
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