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AN OBJECT LESSON.

One hundred years ago the total debt of the nations of the world was not more than two billions of dollars, while the aggregate of corporate and municipal indebtedness was a mere iota to that at present, which is about two hundred billions, and the debt of the nations exceeds twenty-five billions of dollars.

This vast debt was made upon the assumption that the entire stock of the world's coin—gold and silver—would remain available for its payment. But the holders of bonds demanded that silver be dishonored, and for over twenty years have forced this demand, opposed only, in a merely negative way by the governments of France and the United States, whose people are today in a majority for the remonetization of silver. The result of governments complying with the insatiate greed and unholy desire of the money kings to the detriment of humanity is now seen in the suspension of the Bank of Glasgow; the bankruptcy of Baring Brothers, though backed by the Bank of England; the Australian banks in the hands of receivers; the agricultural interests of the world prostrated; Italy and Austria impoverished, and the women of foreign countries doing the labor of men in the field, while the trade of the world has been disturbed as never before.

The same period has witnessed the most enormous accumulations of wealth in the history of civilization, and the organization of gigantic trusts to destroy the last vestige of individual enterprise. As for the old world, the vast armies of its nations only prevent the uprising of the people, who have almost reached the limit of endurance; and it is only a question of time when Europe, out of the throes of war and revolution, will have new boundaries and innumerable canyons.

So too is the United States following in the Old World's footsteps of retrogression—monopolized trade and industrial and political slavery—which can only be avoided by the restoration of silver to its proper function as legal tender money. That will bring that for which the Republican party has so long scanned the billows of the commercial sea—the "wave of prosperity," which is the blessing of the honest labor of our land anxiously awaits, but does not expect to see until Bryan is elected in 1900.

OUT OF THE rumors of war it is pleasing to observe the evidence of the fact that the two great English speaking nations, England and the United States, are being brought nearer together—holding about the same views as to civilization, literature, material progress, and protestant christianity, as to essentials. England and the United States want to, and should be at peace, pursuing the great world mission of each.

THE PROSPECTS of war with Spain has shown that this country is one—that patriotism burns as brightly on the Gulf, as on the Pacific coast, on the shores of the Great Lakes as on the Atlantic Seaboard. Yes, we are one great nation.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve. The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by G. L. White, Marion, and W. H. Disoway, Old Fort.

The General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, convenes in Baltimore the first Wednesday in May and will probably continue for three weeks. Nine ministers and as many laymen are delegates from this State, five of each from the Western North Carolina Conference and four from the North Carolina Conference.

A Sure Thing for You. A combination in which you cannot lose a cent—nothing to lose and a thousand to gain. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by G. L. White, Marion, and W. H. Disoway, Old Fort.

FIFTY DIE ON ICE FLOE

Seal Hunters Meet Horrible Fate In Arctic Seas.

REMAINS ARE RECOVERED

Ghastly Cargo Carried to St. Johns by the Steamer Greenland—Bodies of the Frozen Men Present One of the Most Terrible Scenes Human Eyes Ever Beheld.

St. Johns, N. F., March 29.—The sealing steamer Greenland has sailed into the harbor with a ghastly cargo. Twenty-five corpses were piled upon the deck and 25 men were moaning with terrible suffering in the holds from the pain of frost bitten limbs and bodies. The little sealing steamer which sailed for the hunting grounds three weeks ago returned as a awful charnel house.

The bodies were in tiers on the decks of the steamer, disfigured and almost unrecognizable from the effects of the terrible suffering which they had endured, presenting one of the most horrible sights human eyes ever beheld. The Greenland set sail from St. Johns, N. F., about March 1 on her fateful voyage. She was commanded by Captain George Barbour and carried a crew of nearly 300 hunters. The steamer proceeded northward with the rest of the sealing fleet, but after a couple of days she diverged on a separate track and reached the hunting grounds not long after.

All went well until Tuesday last and seals were quickly encountered and several good packs were secured. On Tuesday morning the hunters left the ship about 7 o'clock as usual, when the lookout in the Crow's Nest reported plentiful around them. The men were clad in light clothing, for the slaughtering of seals is exhausting work. Scattered over the ice field, they wandered far from the protection of the ship and a gale and snowstorm shut them out from view. The ice floe parted and they drifted away from the steamer. Long ere the storm had subsided many of the unfortunate fellows had succumbed to the terrible cold and exposure. Those who did not were terribly frostbitten and suffered excruciating pain.

The long night passed, but morning brought no help, for the storm still raged and the atmosphere was thick with snow driven before the gale. Snow continued nearly all day and the general result was that the hunters were left in a hopeless situation. The men were clad in light clothing, for the slaughtering of seals is exhausting work. Scattered over the ice field, they wandered far from the protection of the ship and a gale and snowstorm shut them out from view. The ice floe parted and they drifted away from the steamer. Long ere the storm had subsided many of the unfortunate fellows had succumbed to the terrible cold and exposure. Those who did not were terribly frostbitten and suffered excruciating pain.

Toward morning the storm subsided and clear weather enabled the survivors to see that the Greenland was not far away, searching for them. The steamer bore down on the drifting field of ice, which had by this time separated into a number of sections, and began the work of picking up the bodies of the dead and the lifeless bodies of the living. Twenty-five corpses were taken on board that morning, but 25 men were still missing, and though the search was continued all day no more were recovered.

Thursday night the Greenland headed for shore, reaching Bay de Verde yesterday, proceeding thence to St. Johns with her ghastly cargo. Most of the men who met this awful fate on this treacherous ice floe are married men with large families, who are thus deprived of all visible means of support.

FRENCH PRESS COMMENT.

What Paris Newspapers Have to Say of the Situation.

Paris, March 29.—The Figaro, commenting today upon the Cuban situation, says: "There is more reason today than yesterday to suppose that the ostentatious policy of the United States will be transformed into a ready, active policy. The sole danger of war lies in the new cortex allowing themselves to be drawn into replying to the impertinences addressed to Spain."

"In spite of the pessimistic cable dispatches we do not believe war is inevitable."

The Journal approves of M. Hanotaux's adoption of neutrality, "the moral standpoint of which permits him to assist in solving the difficulty."

Severe Rain and Windstorm.

ARMORE, I. T., March 29.—A destructive windstorm, accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain, struck this city. In the path of the storm, which was not over 100 feet wide, 16 dwellings were moved from their foundations. The home of Rev. McCullough was wrecked and Mrs. McCullough was severely injured by flying debris. Much minor damage was done throughout the town. All streams are swollen and considerable damage was believed to have been done in the surrounding country.

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A Failure at Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 29.—A. F. Niles & Son, wholesale and retail grocers and provision dealers made a voluntary assignment today. The liabilities and assets are not known, but will be large, as it is one of the largest concerns in the city.

Russians at Port Arthur.

PERING, March 29.—The Chinese garrisons were withdrawn today from Port Arthur and Ta Lien Wan, the Russians landing, and the Russian flag was hoisted at both places.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine, and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on White & Yancey, Marion, and W. H. Disoway, Old Fort, and get a trial bottle free. Regular size 50c, and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed, or price refunded.

GENERAL LEE IS GUARDED.

Consul Protected as He Goes About the Cuban Capital.

New York, March 29.—A dispatch to The Herald from Havana says: Secretary General Compostela asked Consul General Lee to permit him to furnish him a personal body guard. General Lee declined this offer and General Compostela contented himself with increasing the detail of plain clothes detectives which for weeks has kept a careful eye on General Lee at all times with a view to his protection as he goes about the city.

SAUCY TALK BY SPANIARDS.

They Declare Their Readiness to Take Care of Themselves. MADRID, March 29.—The Imparcial and The Liberal today agree in saying that the mediation of the European powers will be difficult in view of the crisis in the far east, adding: "Any way Spain is able herself to resent insults and repudiate unjust pretension."

Spain Asks Further Delay.

New York, March 29.—Spain, although apparently defiant, has asked for further delay before the United States does anything more about Cuba, says the Washington correspondent of The Herald. This request was made through Senator Polo de Bernabe, the Spanish minister to Washington, who promised in Spain's behalf that she would lay before the state department an early day a plan for a more liberal government of Cuba.

Guns Coming to Georgia.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Senator Bacon has received from Chief of Engineers Wilson of the army department a letter containing assurances that four rapid fire guns will be sent to Savannah as soon as they arrive from England. Two of these are to be erected on Tybee Island and two are to be placed at some location yet to be determined upon for defense of the Wilmington and Warsaw rivers.

WILD SPEECHES ON WAR.

Negroes Don't Like Course President is Pursuing Now. CHARLESTON, March 29.—Officers of the negro troops around Charleston held a meeting here, at which wild speeches were made on the war situation. The action of President McKinley in trying to arrive at a peaceable settlement in this national crisis was, in a way, condemned. The leaders aroused great excitement with their fiery speeches. They are bent on going to war. Colonel Robertson of the First South Carolina National guards said that the honor of the country could not be satisfied without war. This appeared to be the keynote of the talk.

New companies have been organized since Friday and a committee will wait on Governor Fike to submit the resolutions adopted at the meeting asking for more arms. Guns and uniforms are needed for 1,300 soldiers in the command.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets candy, cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of Cascarets, 10c, 25c, 50c. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

Young Man Tries to Elope With Mere Girl and is Shot.

RALEIGH, March 28.—George Teel of Hartford county has been a constant visitor at the home of Mr. Vann, a well-to-do farmer, the object of Teel's affection being the 14-year-old Pauline Vann, a beautiful woman quite well grown for her age.

She was under Teel's influence and could not refuse his request to elope. Her young brother told of the planned elopement and last night Mr. Vann hid behind a bush in his yard with a shotgun.

Teel had every detail arranged and as he leaped over a fence Vann pulled the trigger, and a yell told the shot had hit Teel. His back was completely filled from the shoulders to the knees with squirrel shot. Pauline broke down in tears. Teel was taken home badly hurt. One of the reasons for objections to Teel is said to be he is an infidel. Pauline has been taken from school and is at home being watched.

It is, or should be, the highest aim of every merchant to please his customers; and that the wide-awake drug firm of Myers & Eshleman, Sterling, Ill., is doing so, is proven by the following, from Mr. Eshleman: "In my sixteen years' experience in the drug business I have never seen or sold or tried a medicine that gave as good satisfaction as Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy." Sold by M. F. Morphey.

CUBAN WAR MUST SOON BE CLOSED

The President to Give Spain Short Time In Which to End Trouble.

IF SHE FAILS TO DO SO WE WILL INTERVENE

Affairs on the Island Intolerable to the People of America—Note Demanding Speedy Termination of Hostilities May Be on the Way to Madrid Now.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—It can be stated on positive information that this government will, if indeed it has not already done so, inform Spain that THE CONDITIONS NOW EXISTING IN CUBA HAVE BECOME INTOLERABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY, AND THAT HOSTILITIES ON THE ISLAND MUST CLOSE. This policy is directly in line with the views of the president as expressed in his last message to congress on Dec. 6. In this message he said: "The instructions given to our new minister to Spain, before his departure for his post, directed him to impress upon that government the sincere wish of the United States to lend its aid toward the ending of the war in Cuba by reaching a peaceful and lasting result, just and honorable alike to Spain and the Cuban people. These instructions recited the character and duration of the contest, the widespread losses it entails, its burdens and restraints it imposes upon us, with constant disturbance of national interests, and the injury resulting from an indefinite continuance of this state of things. No solution was proposed to which the slight idea of humiliation to Spain could attach, and indeed, precise proposals were withheld to avoid embarrassment to that government."

After reciting the substance of Spain's reply, received on Oct. 23, last, the president says: "The immediate amelioration of existing conditions under the new administration of Cuban affairs is predicted, and the withdrawal of the disturbance and all weapons for arms and munitions on the part of the United States."

Since the delivery of this message evidence has accumulated showing beyond question that the promise in behalf of the new administration, to relieve the conditions in Cuba, have not been fulfilled or accomplished. On the contrary, the evidence which has reached the president showed conclusively that the situation is daily becoming more serious.

In view of these facts this government has decided to take, if it has not already taken, definite action by informing Spain that it is unwilling to have interest other than that dictated by a sense of honor and justice to a stricken and starving people, it must insist that hostilities be brought to a speedy termination. So far as known no specific date has been fixed within which the conflict in Cuba will be brought to a close. It is the purpose of the administration not to permit of any unnecessary or extended delay.

It is known in high official circles that many of the people highest in authority in Spain, including members of the ministry, are extremely weary of the conflict in Cuba and would willingly concede to any reasonable terms for a settlement of the whole question by granting to Cuba her independence on an indemnity basis. The opposition to this plan comes from the factions opposed to the present administration, who demand that the United States insist to retain control of the island. In view of these conditions what would be the answer to our demands cannot be foretold.

A man stands no chance of being elected to the mayorship of a city unless he enjoys the confidence and esteem of his neighbors. Geo. W. Humphrey is the popular mayor of Swanton, Ohio, and under date of Jan. 17, 1896, he writes as follows: "This is to certify to our appreciation of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. My family and neighbors have tested it, and we know it is an excellent remedy for coughs and colds."—GEORGE W. HUMPHREY.

Carolina Crooks Captured.

RICHMOND, March 28.—A special from Roanoke says that three postoffice inspectors have arrived there and think that Howard and Moore, two men arrested on suspicion of attempting to blow open the Salem postoffice safe, are the leaders of a gang of postoffice burglars in North Carolina that for two years have baffled the secret service.

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A Constable is Killed.

KNOXVILLE, March 29.—James Bozeman, aged 90, shot and killed James Fennell, aged 30, near Lee Springs, Grainger county, last night. Fennell was a constable seeking to arrest Bozeman for illicit liquor selling. The murderer escaped and a posse is after him.

On the morning of Feb. 20, 1895, I was sick with rheumatism, and lay in bed until May 21st, when I got a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The first application of it relieved me almost entirely from the pain and the second afforded complete relief. In a short time I was able to be up and about again. —A. T. MOREAUX, Laverne, Minn. Sold by M. F. Morphey.

Two Millions a Year.

When people buy, try, and buy again, it means they're satisfied. The people of the United States are now having Cascarets candy cathartic at the rate of two million boxes a year and it is three million better for New Year's. It means that Cascarets are the most delightful bowel regulator for everybody the year round. All druggists, 10c, 25c, 50c a box, cure guaranteed.

SAVANNAH PEOPLE STIRRED.

Fine Benefit Entertainment For the Maine Monument Fund.

SAVANNAH, March 28.—The report of the Maine inquiry board showing that the destruction of the ship and the death of the men was due to a floating mine beneath the ship, stirred up people here. A grand benefit entertainment will be held next Saturday evening for the Maine monument fund at the Savannah theater. "Star Spangled Banner," will be sung.

Blacks Anxious For Battle.

CHARLESTON, March 28.—The negroes around Charleston are wild to go to war. Colonel Robertson, commanding the First regiment National guards of South Carolina, notifies Governor Elbert that he has 10,000 men ready to march toward Havana at the tip of the drum. All of these are not fully armed, but the governor has been asked to rush the guns here. Along the sea islands volunteer companies are being organized. Common broomsticks are being used for guns on the drill ground.

A Clever Trick.

It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can try it who has Lame Back and Weak Kidneys, Malaria or nervous troubles. We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to Liver and Kidneys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, Sleeplessness and Melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor. Try Electric Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c a bottle at White & Yancey's, Marion, and W. H. Disoway's, Old Fort.

PRINCETON ABOUT READY.

New American Gunboat is Now Nearing Completion.

PHILADELPHIA, March 29.—It was announced today that the United States gunboat Princeton, which is being built at Dialogue's shipyard, Camden, is rapidly nearing completion and that she will leave the shipyard in about a week for League island navyyard to receive her fittings preparatory to her final trial trip. Since the first indication of possibility of trouble with Spain workmen have been troubled night and day on the warship and as a result she is now practically ready for sea.

The Princeton is not a large craft, but is perfect in her appointments, and admirably adapted to cruising in shallow Chinese and South American waters, for which she is intended. She draws but 12 feet of water and her other dimensions are 168 feet water line, 204 all over, 35 feet beam and 1,000 tons displacement. She is fitted with 50 placements. Her main engine is a compound steam engine and is expected to attain a speed of 19 knots per hour.

The new boat is equipped with 6-inch quick firing guns, 4-pounders, two 1-pounders, one 3-inch breechloading Howitzer and one gaffing gun. Her complement will be 100 officers and men. The boat has a steel hull, with a wooden deck and copper, owing to which she will be able to remain a long time at sea without having to be docked.

ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

CHIEF CAUSE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy, is soon realized. If you need a medicine, you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail, upon receipt of three two-cent stamps to cover cost of postage on the bottle. Mention THE MARION MESSENGER and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

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