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GOSSIP OF THE WORLD.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DIVERS SOURCES.

News of the Stage, Social, Political and Otherwise, Culled From Our Exchanges.

Military courts in Luzon are now imposing many death sentences.

Notwithstanding President McKinley's assurance that there is not going to be any Empire, Mr. Edward Atkinson's pulse is still above normal.

It is mildly suggested that the missionaries who are rushing back to China might begin work on the soldiers of the allies just to get their hand in.

Ex-Governor Hogg says the result of the last election caused him to lose confidence in the country. That's nothing; think of losing a week's salary.

As the desire to annex Cuba grows stronger in this country the more do our people convince themselves that the Cubans are incapable of self-government.

As showing the strong influences of heredity it may be noted that the son of a Philadelphia policeman has been in a deep sleep for two weeks and cannot be awakened.

The indications are that a river and harbor bill of immense proportions is to be pressed this winter. Well, this is better than giving a subsidy to ships that sail in ballast.

Chairman Parker, of the middle-of-the-roadsters, is still of the opinion that "the Populist party holds the key to the political situation." But the Republican party holds the situation, which is better still.

Over 50,000,000 people attended the Paris exposition, and yet it was a financial failure. A little game of freeze-out ought to be arranged between the management and the Chicago board of aldermen to settle the international championship.

"During the Chinese campaign," says an English correspondent, "General Chaffee always rode where the Chinese were most likely to see and shoot at him," says an exchange. Well, what of it; isn't it customary for the commanding general to seek a place of safety during a battle?

Governor Roosevelt is now receiving several hundred letters daily and has had to employ two extra stenographers to keep up with his correspondence. This indicates that the popular idea is that the Rough Rider is going to be an important part of the next administration.

The National Afro-American Council has appointed a committee to see that the validity of the Louisiana suffrage act of 1898 is tested by the Federal Court. The opinion of a number of leading lawyers, North and South, has been obtained respecting the Louisiana and North Carolina laws restricting suffrage and the Supreme Court will have before it shortly cases that it is believed will secure an expression of its opinion respecting these suffrage laws.

The bill submitted by the administration providing for the reorganization of the army is a very remarkable bill. All the charges as to a great standing army are fulfilled in it, and the President is besides made a judge of its size. The President is given more power under this bill than the Emperor of Germany possesses or any other constitutional sovereign. The Czar will, if this bill become law, be the only ruler who will have more power than President McKinley.

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ENGLAND STANDS AGHAST.

The Situation in South Africa is Regarded as Extremely Serious.

London, December 1.—South Africa once more monopolizes attention. The public is aghast at General Dwyer's success at D. Weisdorp, where he captured the British garrison of four hundred men and two guns, as already called by the Associated Press in detail. "Is this guerrilla warfare?" the Liberal papers ironically inquire. "Why," is asked on all sides, "are these troops coming home?" The ovations to the victors strike even those participating in them as hollow compared with the events transpiring at the seat of war. Parliament not being in session, the public is not favored with any insight into the War Office's opinions and plans. But it is credited with varying ideas, from philosophic indifference to acute panic.

A representative of the Associated Press interviewed one of the responsible heads of departments and elicited the following views:

"Undoubtedly the situation in South Africa is serious. It resembles in many ways America's trouble with the Filipinos. We cannot expect to crush out opposition for some time to come. We are not withdrawing troops in discriminate, nor are we indifferent to the gravity of the problem. The Household Cavalry has come home because heavy cavalry is practically useless. The infantry, too, is of comparatively small service. We rely upon two things to bring about peace. First, the transformation so far as possible of all the British troops in the disturbed districts into mobile cavalry and mounted infantry. Second, through the establishment of a police force. Until the latter gets in working order even the cavalry will not be able to accomplish much. The police force should be similar to the Irish Constabulary, only all the men will be mounted. When that body is organized I believe a change will quickly come over the situation.

The Canadian officers who returned here from South Africa this week expressed no surprise at the removal of Boer successes. They only wondered that they had not been greater. The Canadians, however, are unanimous in expressing the belief that General Kitchener is the right man to deal with the form of opposition now faced by the British in South Africa. Hardly any of the returning officers expressed criticism of Lord Roberts, even in the face of the recent reverses. The general feeling toward the field marshal is well put by the Sun. It says: "Lord Roberts is a brilliant, dashing soldier and has displayed consummate ability. But, after all, we fear he is too much of a humanitarian for the work now to be done. Once Kitchener gets to work on the Boers nothing will stop him."

VERDICT FOR GATTIS. Jury Gives Him \$20,000 Damages. Oxford, Dec. 1.—The great \$100,000 damage suit of Rev. T. J. Gattis against Dr. J. C. Kilgo, W. R. Odell and B. N. Duke, came to an end this afternoon at 2 o'clock by the jury answering every issue in favor of the plaintiff and giving him a verdict for \$20,000 damages.

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FILIPINOS ARE ANXIOUS

NO NEW CAMPAIGN IS YET PLANNED.

Leader of Junta Says His People Are Willing to Come to an Understanding With United States

London, December 1.—There is a noticeable incursion of Filipinos into London and Paris. The report subsequently denied that Agoncillo, Aguinaldo's agent in Europe, was contemplating going to Hong Kong to reorganize there the Filipino transport and re-supply the Filipinos with munitions of war has given rise to the belief that the Filipinos in Europe are contemplating a new campaign. A representative of the Associated Press has interviewed one of the most prominent members of the European Junta, who has just returned from Paris and Madrid he said:

"We are planning no new campaign. There is no reason why Agoncillo should go to Hong Kong to give the Filipinos a further supply of munitions of war. The fact that Agoncillo has just leased a home in Paris shows that he intends to remain there and watch events. The reports from our committees at Kobe, Yokohama, Macao, Batavia, Hong and Bangkok show they are all working well. This is also evidenced by the fact that 10,000 rifles were smuggled into Manila last month.

"The war is no nearer an end than ever. The Filipino resources are still great, as can be judged by the fact that Aguinaldo is continuing to keep and feed 3,000 Spanish prisoners. We are deeply disappointed at the re-election of Mr. McKinley. Although our agents in the United States never led us to believe Mr. Bryan would actively help us, yet we relied on the strength of the anti-imperialists in the United States.

"We are still anxious to come to an understanding, and there are indications that Mr. McKinley favors a compromise. It is clear that Judge Taft goes beyond his instructions and that Mr. McKinley is prepared to give greater concessions than Judge Taft. It is true that a large number of Filipinos are flocking to European countries. At least sixty are now in London, but not with the idea of renewed propaganda. The Junta is content to wait until the Americans are tired of losing officers and men by deaths from sickness. We hope and believe better times are in store."

RELICS ALMOST STOLEN.

Paris, Dec. 2.—The vaults of the Cathedral Notre Dame Church, made famous by Victor Hugo's book, came near being looted last night, despite extraordinary precautions always taken to safeguard the enormous treasures amassed for centuries.

The enterprise only failed through the merest accident. The plot amazed the police by its remarkable intricate ingenuity, and must have been the work of a genius in the burglar line. It must have taken a minimum of two years' careful preparation and required the collaboration of a dozen cool and experienced thieves. The police refuse details, which it would be dangerous to make public on account of their possible application elsewhere.

The treasure in the vaults is said to be the richest in the world, containing, as it does, gifts of kings and queens, precious mounted, relics, historical vestments or-

namented with precious stones, ritual vases, etc. The richest are only partly shown to visitors on certain days of the week, and have long tempted robbers.

There exists a book entitled "Historical Attempts Upon the Notre Dame Treasures." It is dated 1840 and contains accounts of forty-two unsuccessful and five partly successful attempts, including Robert's seizure during the revolution. Sixteen guardians have lost their lives defending the vaults from early days to the present.

The Proposed Big Army.

Mr. Hull, chairman of the house committee on military affairs, is a man of war. His martial spirit asserts itself on every possible occasion. A year or so ago when there were sensational reports of a proposal of a war with Germany Hull fairly danced with delight. He is forever fretting for the tested field, the neigh of the war horse music to his ears and the thunder of artillery thrills his soul with delight.

Hull is unhappy because we have no large standing army, and if he can have his way he is going to establish one. The regular army, says Hull, must be raised from less than about 27,000 men to 96,000. General Miles thinks that a standing army of 75,000 would be ample, but Hull goes him 21,000 better, and, of course, Hull knows more about the subject than General Miles. What will President McKinley have to say about it in his message to Congress to-day.

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