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they were decisive, and victory was less destructively purchased than defeat and death in the hospitals of disease, that always follows a wretched lingering war in the trenches.

THE ULTIMATE SPOILS OF VICTORY. Whether Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener soon capture Bloemfontein or not, they have achieved a very great victory at small cost.

IMPERIALISM KILLS EXPANSION. Newsdays of Nevada, speaking in the house of representatives against the Puerto Rico bill, said such an act "would create a congressional despotism precisely similar to that claimed by Great Britain at the time of the Revolutionary war."

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OUR CONSULAR SERVICE. A strong and what should prove a valuable lesson in support of the contention that our consular service should be supplied by men trained in its duties.

WAR IS BUSINESS. Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener make a strong military team. Lord Roberts entered the service as an artillery officer and Kitchener as a subsequently had large experience in the quartermaster's department of the English army in India.

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quited. The object is to elevate the consular service and make it stable and dependable where it is now vacillating and uncertain.

CORN AS AGAINST WHEAT. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer views with misgivings the government's plan for a "corn kitchen" at the Paris exposition.

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"Who has sinned, these children or their parents?" since the echo of the last few words furnishes it. The sin may be one of omission rather than commission, but it is the latter, serious on that account—its baleful effects, as witnessed in boys of tender years, scheduled as incorrigible and turned over to the state for discipline and training, being the same in either case.

COMPARISON OF EXPORTS. The publication of the returns of British foreign trade for the calendar year 1899 renders it possible to compare them with those of the United States for the same period.

It is waste of time and money to investigate the conditions in Idaho prior to the action of Governor Steunenberg in declaring a state of insurrection in the Coeur d'Alene and calling for federal troops.

Secretary Hay's answer to the request of the house of representatives, touching the matters brought forward by Consul Macrum, is adequate and ample.

These few persons who at times have censured The Oregonian because it has spoken plainly about pension abuses may read with profit the following.

Admiral Dewey's flagship, the Olympia, was built in 1892. The vessel is now to undergo an overhauling, at a cost of \$500,000.

District Attorney Sewall's opinion on questions involved in registration of voters seems well considered and fair.

It was not Consul Macrum, but his vice-consul, who was born in Holland and had become a citizen of the South African Republic.

It is a pity that our friends, the suffragists do not quite understand the range and the nature of the opportunities and tendencies the suffrage will create for women in the direction of corruption.

The Penions. An entirely new type of politician would spring up with all the energy and cunning of her most depraved brother, and with resources that it is necessary only to suggest.

that for every soldier who remained in the service for as long as three years. It is estimated by the commissioner that there are now about 1,000,000 survivors of the Union army, and of this number nearly three-fourths, or 750,000, are actually pensioned.

Proportions of Trade Between England and America. The publication of the returns of British foreign trade for the calendar year 1899 renders it possible to compare them with those of the United States for the same period.

It is interesting to note that, while our exports of cotton manufactures are less than 7 per cent of those of Great Britain, there are some markets in which we are doing the business of the larger country.

There remains, however, an extensive range of cotton fabrics used in the United States for the foreign market, which our exporters and manufacturers have not touched.

It would be perceived that under the head of iron and steel products there are some items in which our exports compare favorably with those of Great Britain.

Beer and ale..... \$ 2,165,000 \$ 3,300,000. Biscuit and bread..... 854,000 1,000,000. Butter..... 1,218,000 1,400,000.

Greater Napoleons. "I don't see why so many people envy a character like Napoleon." "It's due to the native egotism of the human race."

Treading the Popular Way. "Searley—How did he become so popular?" "You—He'll repeat the story you told him yesterday to you today and may that it was the funniest story he ever heard."

To Destroy All Fear. "Somehow," said the highly respectable gentleman, "I can't ever get over my boyhood fear of a policeman."

With Reasonable Anticipations. "Wife, where are those new handkerchiefs I bought?" "Why, Edgar, you already have so many that I put them away to give you on your birthday."

drygoods, but at New York that increase was in amount only \$2,554,000, including \$844,000 for warehouse, not to be placed upon the market at present. It will be remembered that the imports at New York are usually about two-thirds of the total imports, so that the increase in this class does not appear to correspond at all with the great increase in suitable goods.

These still remains, however, the increase of about \$6,000,000 in imports for which no explanation can be given until the latest official statistics have been published. It appears that in several weeks there has been a large increase in imports of hides, which are now classed with suitable articles, though bearing a very low rate, and there were no hides in this country. But even with this item included the increase in imports remaining unexplained is unusually large and suggests the possibility that on the Pacific coast there may be some large quantities of hides that have been reported in current dispatches.

Plans for the disposal of the remainder of his fortune to colleges and other institutions have long been matured by Dr. Pearson, but it will be some time, he thinks, before the last of his great property, all accumulated in Chicago or close by, will have passed to other hands.

I have schemed for years to be my own executor, Dr. Pearson said to me, and I have done so. I have given to my own executor, and in addition I shall have the pleasure of seeing that my wife and my children are righteously provided for.

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Therefore, when one door is two kilograms, and two doors are four kilograms, and is equal to two Britons on a knot, and a knot is a knot, hence the advice of our strategy board is to take all the knots in sight and come out on top.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

It is permissible today to say "By George!" There is very little solid comfort in hugging a delusion.

They say Cecil Rhodes' distribution of stable every night. The English officer who took six laagers managed to escape the laagers.

It is said to be impolitic to take a laager unless you show a tier with you. Kentucky democrats show great respect for the law, after they have fixed it to suit themselves.

Think of the birthday presents Washington would have received today if he were alive. "Over the river," said the Boers to Buller, as he crossed the Tugela for the twentieth time.

The report that Kipling is writing a poem entitled, "The Albatross-Burgher," is probably a canard. Higher education has its disadvantages. They have now discovered that whisky is not an antidote for rakishness.

Washington never made railway journeys through the South rounding up delegates to the nominating convention. Candidate Bryan believes in "foraging on the enemy." He is making trips in the private cars of railroad presidents.

When Count Boni de Castellane sailed for home, ex-Consul Macrum arrived to fill the vacuum. Thus nature always even things up. If Washington were alive today he would probably celebrate his birthday by exterminating the barbarian who is masquerading under his name.

The persistency with which Colonel Bryan is making speeches about the Mexican gulf coast, would indicate that he has some doubt of the "solid South." Clark of Montana finds, much to his disgust, that "money talks." "Bey," wouldn't anybody have thought that he was a man who could make better investments?

The populists at Lincoln decided that Mr. Fries could not break into the convention. "Dimm" Weaver effected an entrance without difficulty, and the middle-of-the-roaders fled out. Sharp practice was suspected.

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