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TODAY'S WEATHER—Rain, with southerly wind.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, MARCH 10.

OVERTURES FOR PEACE.

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Great Britain's intervention in the internal affairs of the Transvaal was based on two contentions, thus stated by Captain Mahan: "First, of general policy, in the necessity of remedying conditions in a neighboring state which threaten one's own tranquility or welfare—as when we interfered in Cuba and in the Venezuela business; and second, upon the specific right of suzerainty, retained in the acts which constituted the Transvaal into the South African Republic."

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President Kruger's request for peace is made, undoubtedly, for the purpose of moving the sympathy of the world. But it can do him little or no good; for the war cannot end till the causes that produced it shall be settled or removed.

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AU REVOIR, BUT NOT GOOD-BY.

It is well, perhaps, that we should bestow a parting glance at the reciprocity treaties, negotiated under the Dingley bill, before the present Congress fades into history with all its unredempted pledges and its capitulations to the Protected Interests.

The St. Louis platform declared: Protection and reciprocity are twin measures of Republican policy, and go hand in hand. Democratic rule has recklessly struck down both and must be re-established.

This pledge was redeemed in the Dingley law. It levied a protective tariff, but it made full and adequate provision for reciprocity treaties with such nations as would give us reciprocal concessions.

The main issue is drawn over the treaty with France. The Argentine treaty has already lapsed, and we are not likely to see anything of the treaty with the British West Indies.

Here, obviously, was basis for advantageous negotiation, which was undertaken. The result is that France has accepted our moderate concessions on the enumerated French exports, and gave us in exchange her minimum tariff on all our exports, save the few exceptions specifically named.

The issue, then, is squarely drawn. Do we want to stay at home and consume ourselves, or do we want to encourage business with the world? There is close correspondence between the antagonistic progress and conservatism regarding the Puerto Rico affair, the neutralization of the Nicaragua canal, and these reciprocity treaties.

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THREE THINGS ABOUT TRUSTS.

The brief synopsis sent by telegraph of the findings of the Industrial Commission concerning trusts gave a very inadequate idea of the body of the report.

The report says upon this point: "The evidence, even on questions of fact, has often been contradictory, and in some instances it has been impossible from the testimony so far taken to reach any positive conclusion."

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House and come from the Senate on this great issue show that neither Senators nor Congressmen understand how the people feel; that they do not realize the indignation and wrath aroused by the action that Congress is trying to desert the national and republican policy of the day at the behest of the tobacco and sugar interests of the East.

A RELATION TO MANKIND.

Shall Puerto Rico Be Doomed for Our Perpetual Ire and Hatred? The case of a tariff against Puerto Rico rests upon morals and common sense. This country has taken on recently colonial relations. It will be a supreme test of American capacity in government if we in the New World can do for a colonial people what Spain from the standpoint of the European and Old World failed in.

Why did Spain fail? Because it applied its own selfish conception and interest to the government of another people whose interest it should sacredly have cared for. Why did England fail as to Ireland? Because it considered the interests of England instead of the interests of Ireland, and therefore by the law of Christ sacrificed the interests of both.

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Michigan People All One Way.

Washington Special to Detroit Free Press. Michigan people are all one way. They are all for the tariff against Puerto Rico. They are all for the tariff against Puerto Rico.

Fell Short of Her Ideal.

New York Mail and Express. When schoolgirls grow confidential with one another they sometimes, I am told, describe the sort of a man who corresponds to what they call the "best ideal."

Disaster vs. Suicide.

Washington Special, February 27, to Indianapolis Journal. The President himself tells the Republicans that to him it is all the same, whether it be disaster or suicide.

The Congressman and the Editor.

Correspondence Baltimore Star. No small stress is laid by individual members of the House on the almost unanimous opposition to the present tariff bill.

"A HIGH-HANDED OUTRAGE."

Another Leading Indiana Republican Denounces the Puerto Rican Bill. Indianapolis—General Lew Wallace is outspoken in his denunciation of the Puerto Rican tariff bill.

Puerto Rican Views.

"It Seems Almost Incredible" That a Tariff Will Be Imposed. Bulletin Mercantil de Puerto Rico, Feb. 10. It seems almost incredible that Congress should take the action of imposing a tariff on the two committees, House and Senate.

Mountains of Alaska.

Professor Henry Gannett, of the Geological Survey, has compiled some statistics regarding mountain heights in Alaska. The names of the mountains in the bulletin will be: Blackfoot Mountain... 12,500 feet; Crillon Mountain... 12,500 feet; Crillon Mountain... 12,500 feet.

Reputation of the Tariff Scheme.

The wretched Puerto Rican bill will begin their new life with a rooted and justifiable grievance against us if we begin by refusing them free markets. It is right and fair that the measure they were asked to examine should be informed observers declare they need free American markets.

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