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RIVER NAVIGATION IMPORTANT.

No city can hope to be truly great without communication by sea to supplement its railroad service. Chicago, which is blessed with overland transportation, is sending vessels by the long route down the lakes and the St. Lawrence, and wants her canal from Lake Ontario to the Mississippi...

While it is true that there can be no great values in land where the population is sparse, and that no great industry or trade can exist where there are but few people to deal with, it still is true that the individual factor is the chief agency in the creation of wealth...

It doubtless is supposed by many that denial of private persons of property in the increased value that comes to land in the transformation of the country from its primitive barrenness to the complex fertility and lucrative use it attains under the greater civilization, would leave for division among the landless the chief part of the goods and enjoyments now possessed by the landowners...

A notable feature of the present stage of the year's industries in this section is the scarcity, for practical purposes, of competent mill labor. Whether a man has irragating ditches to dig, fish to handle, wood to haul, grain to cut, cows to milk, winter's fuel to store away, or what not, men who are willing and ready to do the work cannot be had in full supply...

The improved condition of Nantes resulting from so small a work as a maritime canal has awakened deeper and more extended interest in the further opening of the Loire. This interest has become steadily increased each year. In 1898, 212 vessels passed through, an increase of forty over 1899, and of 105 over 1898. The port tonnage increased from 542,221 tons in 1899 to 1,000,000 tons in 1900...

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LESSON OF THE PROCLAMATION

The Porto Rican intrigue of 1900 also served to uncover the essentially selfish and inhuman principle which lies coiled in the doctrine of protection. The revelation was, no doubt, a surprise to President McKinley himself. It is a kindly man, and to his overflowing benevolence it appeared the most natural thing in the world, as well as a "plain duty," to grant the Porto Ricans a free market for their produce...

Advent the discussion of church hymns and "doggerel" it is recalled that the English Wesleyans some time ago took steps looking to the revision of their hymnal. Finding the task a difficult one, it was suggested, as an aid to the editors, that the Wesleyan constituency be polled after a fashion, members being asked to vote for their favorite hymns. The Methodist Times commented editorially upon the contest, saying that the "rag of hymns of the Moody and Sankey type has evaporated, judging by the returns. The ten hymns gaining the most votes were, first, 'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name,' and the following, in the order named: 'Jesus, Lover of My Soul'; 'Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing'; 'Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me'; 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty'; 'Abide With Me'; 'Star of My Soul, Thou Savior Dear'; 'Come Ye That Love the Lord'; and 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.' It is plain from this text that religious fervor still finds expression in old-fashioned church hymns, however the opinions of people may differ in regard to their poetic fire and literary value.

The political faction that, for lack of a better or more suitable name, called itself the Social Democratic party, finds itself in the condition of a house divided against itself. It will not stand long, of course. Begotten in anarchic ideas, nurtured by sophistry, led by demagoguery, its dismemberment is but a question of a very short time. With a paralyzing ingratitude painful to behold, Eugene V. Debs has been cast overboard from the ship that he constructed and vainly tried to steer. George D. Herron, late of Grinnell, Ia., is his fitting successor, as the popular idol of a party that makes bold war to the extent of its feeble ability against the established customs of civilized society. Born amid the clamor of a great and senseless strike, fed upon discontent and cradled in mischief, the party of Debs and Herron will soon pass on, and the country will be glad to know that it had even a brief career in a limited field of political effort in the United States.

It may be hoped that Dr. Koch's opinion that human beings are not subject to infection from bovine or porcine tuberculosis will not cause health officers to be less wary in meat and milk inspection, or encourage unscrupulous persons to foist upon the market meat and milk from diseased animals. While it may be presumed that Dr. Koch has good reasons for his opinion, it does not seem possible that articles of food contaminated by the deadly bacillus of tuberculosis of any type can be taken into the human stomach with impunity. The very suggestion is disgusting and nauseating. It would have been well if the fact, if it is a fact, had been pointed out by some one who belongs to the type of knowledge that is a dangerous thing to the careless and unscrupulous.

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An exposition, exclusively scientific, for the purpose of advancing the cause of science, is to be held at Frankfurt, Germany, October 5 to 21, inclusive. The chief aim will be to benefit those engaged in industrial pursuits, and to this end visits of workmen will be arranged. The general public can have no interest in this beyond an intelligent desire that those who serve it in scientific, sanitary and preservative ways may be profited by the suggestions, and that the industrialists, for which the exposition is designed.

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DEMOCRATS AND FILIPINOS.

Some Chicago Chronicle, Dem. The Philippines explains the source of the continued encouragement which the remaining insurgent leaders receive. The Filipino "Junta" at Hong Kong sent dispatches to a local guerrilla chief advising him to hang on, as eventual independence was sure.

The "Junta" claimed to have information from the United States to the effect that the "anti-imperialistic sentiment" was growing, that the American people were restive under war taxes and that the Democrats would win at the next election. That would mean throwing off the Philippines and leaving the people to shift for themselves. The best service that can be rendered to the Filipino still retaining the United States is to dispel this fatal illusion. There will be no revolution in American politics which would result in conferring independence on the people of the Philippines. No political change in the United States will cause the least relaxation in the methods of war directed against the Filipino factions still in arms against United States authority.

Admiral Sampson had the misfortune to be hated and pursued by enemies as malevolent as the enemies of Schley they could easily have made out of the sinking of the Merrimac. He had also a large private fortune, having invested in stocks and a great deal of wealth in land. At the close of the Chinese-Japanese war Parliament voted his majesty 20,000,000 yen, an amount equal to 10,000,000 gold dollars, out of the indemnity paid by the Chinese, as a mark of gratitude for his directing the naval and military operations.

A London diamond merchant, while going to his office recently, in a fit of keeping, pulled an old envelope out of his pocket and commenced to tear it up. When he reached the last section the terrible fact dawned on him that it was the envelope in which were some 1800 small diamonds valued at \$50, and that he had been sowing these broadcast over a public thoroughfare. Some of them have been recovered, but others have never been heard from.

The people of Hartford, inspired thereto by the Times, have contributed \$5000 in token of their appreciation of the simple heroism of Miss Ida L. Hathaway. She was a nurse in the Hartford hospital, where, in the line of duty, she contracted ophthalmia from a young child committed to her care, of so serious a character that it led to blindness. Knowledge of the irremediable fate which had overtaken her only served to reveal the strength of this young girl's character, for she accepted it as ordered of God and without repining. Now a sympathetic community has insured Miss Hathaway's future support.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

There's plenty of good fish in the Columbia River. If there is no wind, the Constitution is a very fast boat. With a pay roll of \$100,000 a day, Astoria has forgotten all about the common point. The English have adopted the shirt waist. It's so blooming American, ya know. Maclay probably now wishes he had devoted his attention solely to Richmond Pearson Hobson.

The throat of a coal strike came at a time of year when its only effect was to draw forth smiles of derision. If there are any Admirals in the United States Navy who have not yet been retired, let them step to the front. If it were not for their daily duty of settling the Chinese indemnity, the Ministers at Peking might find the time hanging heavy on their hands. The providential discovery of liquid air is the only thing that enables General Felix Angus to keep cool during this trying crisis in the Nation's affairs.

President Shaffer has the satisfaction of knowing that by securing an interview with J. P. Morgan he was up about \$3,000,000 worth of that gentleman's time. Historian Maclay is a victim of over-production. Had he not written one too many volumes of his history he might still be in a fair way to a peaceful career. One thousand school teachers are going to the Philippines to instruct the untaught savage in the multiplication table and teach them to recite "The Boy Stood on the Burning Deck."

California has not made good its claims to the title of the Greece of America. The peach, which is largely exported by California, is not exactly the style of Grecian beauty with which statuary has made us familiar. The emperor of Japan has an allowance of something like \$200,000 a year to keep up the imperial establishment. He has also a large private fortune, having invested in stocks and a great deal of wealth in land. At the close of the Chinese-Japanese war Parliament voted his majesty 20,000,000 yen, an amount equal to 10,000,000 gold dollars, out of the indemnity paid by the Chinese, as a mark of gratitude for his directing the naval and military operations.

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