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It has been suggested that the Ross seen on the surface of Mars may not be a dead or alive, but more boundary lines showing that the trusts have agreed upon an amicable division of territory on our sister planet, in which each has everything its own way. Whether this idea favors the theory that the people of Mars belong to a higher or lower order of civilization than those on earth is, of course, a matter of opinion, based upon individual interests and environment. Yesterday's Oregonian.

The Oregonian is wrong. The lines on the surface of Mars are the reflection from this earth of the division of Northwestern territory agreed on and apportioned around among the members of the railroad combination. Put in this way, the mystery of the planet Mars becomes not only more naturally and satisfactorily solvable, but the Oregonian's doubt as to the degree of civilization of Mars inhabitants is shifted to a more profitable inquiry into the sanity of the unfortunate producers and other dwellers in the Columbian basin who tamely submit to one of the most illegal and injurious combinations in restraint of trade that exists in America. Here is an astronomical and geological observation which the Oregonian can pursue at closer range than the planetary system.

Vice-Counsel Hanauer, from Frankfurt, has transmitted to the state department extracts translated from recent reports of German chambers of commerce, which are there accepted as of semi-official character. The Frankfurt chamber, in its report, says that the cultivation of the trading field in the United States has become the greatest of their economic anxieties. The United States looms up as the greatest producer of breadstuffs, and a factor of gigantic development in metal production. It boldly takes up the gauntlet of competition in the international arena. The Dingler tariff has affected German imports inimically. The Dresden chamber says that the competition of the United States, especially in finished industrial products, stands out in bold relief. The United States sells at lower prices, though paying higher wages than its European rivals. "The opinion is prevalent that our exports to the United States will some day cease altogether." The Hagen chamber, speaking of iron and steel manufacturing in Rhenish Prussia, says that the strained conditions that now exist in this branch are due to the competition of the United States. The Americans have steadily taken possession of the markets in China, Japan and Australia. Hitherto, mainly supplied by Germany. The Solingen chamber says the cutlery industry of Rhenish Prussia cannot thrive owing to the closing of the American market now supplied by home producers.

GEN. SHAFER AND HIS YELLOW CRITICS.

In an Associated Press dispatch published some days ago by the Astorian reference was made to a letter of thanks sent by General Shafter to a Chicago clergyman who had defended the general from the assaults of the yellow journals that are attempting to deprive him of the credit of the Santiago campaign. It was the first time Shafter had made any reply to the malicious statements circulated about him, and in consequence has attracted much attention on the part of respectable papers throughout the country. The letter was evidently written without intention or expectation that it would be published and the full text has not yet found its way even in the Chicago papers. It is evident however,

from such portions as have been given out, that the letter must be sooner or later printed in full and will go to make up an important part of the true history of the Spanish-American war.

Although couched in the phraseology of a soldier, the Chicago Times-Herald says General Shafter incorporates in his letter some facts for his unreasonable critics to ponder over. From the extracts published in the Herald it appears that Shafter calls attention to the fact that the expedition to Santiago was the only one that ever went from a temperate zone to any of the islands of the Caribbean sea which was not an absolute failure, with the single exception of the English expedition to Havana, in 1791, in which the English lost nearly their entire army, but succeeded in taking the city. It must also be remembered that it was the sickliest season of the year in Cuba. In fifteen days from the time of landing the Spanish army of 24,000 men were compelled to surrender to our army of less than 20,000 men and the city of Santiago was taken. "During that campaign," says General Shafter, "there was not for a single minute a dollar's worth of the property of the United States, nor the person of an American soldier, either dead or alive, in the hands of the enemy." General Shafter also makes it plain that he was "under fire the entire time," although he was not "on the firing line," as he had no business there and would have been of no service there.

But the campaign of Santiago needs no defense. The gibes and cartoons of the yellow press concerning Shafter's conduct of the campaign are for the foolish and frivolous. They have made no impression upon intelligent Americans. The cheap mendacity of the sensational press cannot obscure the important facts which made that campaign notable in the annals of warfare, and in the part which General Shafter took in it will be safe with the impartial historian.

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