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President Roosevelt has a habit of "get ting there." Some of the measures he has recommended to congress and some of the appointments he has made have aroused more than democratic opposition but he has met no defeat. When the 57 th congress expired by limititation on the fourth of March, 1903, President Roosevelt convened the new senate in extraordinary session to consider two treaties which had not been ratified during the short session of the previous congress. One was the Hay-Harran treaty with Colombia and the other the Cuban reciprocity treaty. The former was confirmed and the latter also subject to the approval of congress. Perhaps the opponents of this measure, which was earnestly recommended both by President McKinley and President Roosevelt, thought that this would defeat the bill, and a crucial test of the president's influence came when matter finally came before congress.
The president convened both branches of the new congress in special session early in November last, and within a week the house of representatives by an overwhelming majority approved the Cuban reciprocity treaty. In the senate it was hung-up for nearyy a month but inally passed. Mr.
Roosevelt carried his point and reciprocity with Cuba is now operative.
The Panama canal treaty, ratified at Washington, was rejected at Bogota, and immediately the department of Panama seceded from the United States of Colombia. The president's determined stand at bia. The president's ditermined stand at
that juncture in recognizing the new republic, requiring Colombia to keep her hands off, and in finally recommending the ratifioff, and in finally recommending the ratifi-
cation of a new canal treaty with Panama put the president to a supreme test. Oppoput the president to a supreme test. Oppo-
sition in the president's party vanished and the democrats in the senate, who by unanimous opposition could have prevented the
ratification, were almost evenly divided, sixteen out of thirty-three voting to ratify the treaty and thereby recording their approval of the president's polic
After four month's discussion the nomination of Leonard Wood as major general was confirmed, only two republicans in the senate opposing it, and five prominent democratic senators supporting the nomination. As weeks and months pass the president success in every determined effort he makes becomes more and more evident. As the president happens to be uniformly right,
he ought to succeed. His course commands popular approval.-Tacoma Ledger.

FRANCE UNDER THE SWORD. Persistent press reports concerning the effect of the present war in the far east upon the diplomatic balance of Europe eredit France with a strong desire to co-
operate with Great Britain in the offer to patch up the broil in the orient. While the German emperor seems to be feeling the itch of the war bug with every report of a Russian defeat, Russia's ally is doing every thing in its power to get Russia safely out
of the war even if honor alone remains. Continued strife in the east, no matter upon which side the scale of victory be turned, is grave menace to the welfare of France. hey seem to be at present, and with the Japanese fleet supreme in the China sea, France is brought to face a peril perhaps France is brought to cace a perin pernaps
greater than any she has had to cope with since the treaty of Versailles. For France perform the difficult feat of carrying water ${ }^{\text {ities }}$ Company.
is at the
on both shoulders. By the articles of the dual alliance with Russia, France is bound to see to it that Russia does not have to oppose Japan and England combined. On the other hand, the growing entente cordaife
between herself and her neighbors across between herself and her neighbors across the channel, a circumstance which has fol-
lowed France an easier feeling than she has lowed France an easier feeling than she has
had for many a rear, makes it almost imperative upon her that she preserve the present comfortable status. France's Rus. sian alliance is indespensible, since, as Sidney Brooks says in the current Atlantic, the bond gives France "security" among the powers. The arbitration treaty between France and Great Britain is too manifest a token of good will to permit any doubt o fthe desires of both governments. The tide of victory which has carried Japan into an almost undisputed posses Great Britain will seem to guaran to be come an active ally in the field. The letter of the dual alliance does not stipulate that France is in duty bound to bolster up Russia by foree of arms, for when the convenof Russia entered not at all in the calculations; but the spirit of the alliance certainy does convey the note of moral obligation on the part of France if only for the sake on the part of France if only for the sake of expediency. Should the affairs of the uscovite a dangerous crisis in the ffer of aid, as surely as the ice pack move fer of aid, as surely as the ice pack nove between the chamel and Alsace-Lorraine etween the
With this serious problem to face it is ertain the government of M. Loubet wil move with great caution. A misstep in
either direction might mean war. The hird republic has never had the test of wa ave that which gave it baptism. With the Bonapartists and the Bourbons hovering
about in the near foreground, the republic about in the near foreground, the republic
might not have the strength to withstand might not have the str
the shoek of a conflict.

THE WORLD'S SAVINGS.
In the report of the comptroller of the currency of the last year there is a compila ion of statistics of the savings banks of the orld, confessedly incomplete, for full data are not obtainable from some of the coun tries. There is sufficient to show, however ays the Post-Intelligencer, that the aggre ate of the small savings of the civilize poople of the world make a fortune whic dwarfs those of the multi-millionaires whose names are in every one's mouth.
Taking the list as it stands it appears that he aggregate of the deposits in the world's avings banks reaches $\$ 10,000,000,000$, um sufficient to buy out all of the stocks fental railroads of the Wnited Stranscontithe Panama canal, extinguish the national debt of this country and leave a surplus of kew hundred millions over.
As is perhaps anda, atthough the Ame icans are not noted for thrift, the United tates shows the greatest aggregate of sangs deposits. France and the United Kingdom follow Germany in the number of epositors while the United States take ourth in this respect. The countries which ead the United States in number of de positors are those in which the system of postal savings banks is in operation, a sys-
tem which without doubt tends to increase the number of small depositors. It is pos sibly for the same reason that the average deposit in the savings banks of the United States is
It is one of the notable things in this nations, has started savings banks

It is reported that Admiral Dewey failed o land at Santo Domingo during his recent o dine with United States Minister Pow ell, whom he discovered at the last moment the colored man. If this is a fact it wit the admiral by the democrats.
Emperor Menelik, of Abyssinia, has not minister at the national capital, but he is epresented here in the Zoo by a fine youn ion which has just arrived as a present to President Roosevelt.

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