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Who sets for me the easy chair,
Spreads out the papers with such care,
And lays my slippers ready there?
Nobody!

When plunged in deep and dire distress,
When anxious cares my heart oppress,
Who whispers hopes of happiness?
Nobody!

When sickness comes and sorrow twain,
And grief distracts my fevered brain,
Who sympathizes with my pain?
Nobody!

But I'm resolved, so help me fate,
To change at once my single state,
At Hymen's altar I will mate
Somebody!

The South African Campaign.

It is difficult to determine from the dispatches just what the situation is in South Africa, so conflicting and confusing are the reports. The reports from British sources indicate that the Boers have been making little progress and that their campaign has not been marked by notably brilliant strategy, but it is quite possible that the plans of the Boer commanders have not yet been fully developed. It is certainly a fact that a good deal of aggressive work has been done by them and that this has been met by the British with a vigor, courage and fortitude worthy of all admiration. The latest engagement is described as one of the most sanguinary of modern times, both sides showing the most stubborn bravery. While the British are reported to have had the best of it, in reality it appears to have been a drawn battle.

It would seem that the Boers have not fully improved their advantages, but it is too early in the compaign to determine this. There are able men in command of the Transvaal forces and it is safe to assume that they are not losing any opportunity to advance their cause. The failure to accomplish all that they have attempted is not due to any want of activity or aggressiveness, nor perhaps to any tactical mistake. They have encountered a more obstinate resistance than they probably expected—a resistance which has demonstrated that England never had better or braver soldiers than those in South Africa. The strict censorship maintained by the British keeps from public knowledge everything in connection with the operation of General Buller and the large force under his command, but it is to be presumed that he is moving as rapidly as possible to the relief of the forces besieged by the enemy and perhaps carrying out operations in other directions designed to strike the Boers where they are not expecting it.

The vast difficulty of the task which Great Britain has in South Africa is now fully realized and there is no more boasting of an easy triumph over the Boers and their allies. The most optimistic of Englishmen must have become convinced that the war will be a protracted and bloody struggle—a struggle, as was said by President Kruger, that will "stagger humanity"—before the might of the vast British empire can crush the stubborn resistance of the Boers. Before the center of Dutch power can be reached the British army will have to open and hold lines of communication not less than 250 miles long, through hostile country, much of which is very difficult territory for an army to move in. British military resources must be still further largely drawn on before the South African war is ended.

American Resources.

The promise of continued trouble in the Transvaal has had a depressing effect upon the stock markets, and some of the statisticians, who watch the bulletin boards in the stock exchanges and gauge the country's condition from that standpoint, are becoming alarmed unless the world may suffer from a shortage of supplies if the war is not soon brought to a close. The Chicago Times-Herald answers this fear with a striking summary of the resources of this nation, which may be drawn against to supply the needs of the world. The Times-Herald says:

"The bears and the Boers may have given the stock market a black eye, temporarily, but if the worst comes to the worst we can help out England and the Transvaal with 11,000,000 bales of cotton, 600,000,000 bushels of wheat, 800,000,000 bushels of oats, 2,000,000,000 bushels of corn, 72,000,000 bushels of barley, 22,000,000 bushels of rye, 65,000,000 of hay, 3,000,000 bushels of peaunts, 2,000,000 pounds of hops, 1,000,000,000 gallons of beer, 275,000,000 pounds of wool, 26,000,000 hogs, 400,000,000 pounds of tobacco, 100,000,000 gallons of alcoholic liquors, 30,000,000 gallons of native wines, 32,000,000 head cattle, 15,000,000 horses, 3 000,000 mules, 40,000,000 sheep, 1,000,000,000 gallons of [illegible], [illegible],000,000 tons of coal, [illegible] of chickens, butter to market, a raise [illegible] these figures [illegible] supply, [illegible] need [illegible]

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Crime and Publicity.

Is open polygamy worse than monogamy with secret licentiousness on the side? Congressman Roberts of Utah has raised the question in self-defense. While it may be no extenuation of his own conduct, he says: "It looks just a little ridiculous to see well meaning reformers so far misled by representations of Utah affairs as to be found standing knee deep in the swamps of social evils about them, vainly trying to tiptoe themselves into a position where they can peek over the rugged summits of the Rocky mountains to find a more desperate menace to the American home."

That most sincere woman, Susan B. Anthony, while expressing no sympathy for Mr. Roberts, urges that "the wives and the mothers of the East might better enter a crusade against the licentiousness existing all around us and polluting our manhood, and leave it to our lawmakers to settle the matter of Roberts' fitness to be their associate in congress."

She says further: "I have more respect for the Mormon polygamist, who follows his teachings and lives up to the traditions of his religious sect by marrying the different women with whom he cohabits, supporting them and their children, than I have for the man who defies public opinion and in the light of our advanced civilization and religious moral teaching gives his name and support to one openly while secretly desecrating the lives of other women, thus committing a crime against his lawful wife as well as the other woman or women he wrongs. If he have no wife the sin is as great against mortality, and he should suffer equally with the women."

The good women of the East who are publicly adding their protest to the admission of Mr. Roberts to a seat in the national congress have the justification of consistency on their side. But how about the men who cast the second stone? Are they guiltless? What is the private character of hundreds of them who are attacking Mr. Roberts? Are they so poor as to be entitled to the right to say that Roberts is unfit, morally, to associate with the lawmakers at Washington?

Yet there is another side to the question. Considered as a matter of example, regarded from the standpoint of its effect upon public morals, is the man who flaunts his offenses in the eyes of the people not more than culpable than the man who, although just as guilty, keeps his indiscretions out of sight? In the law, moral and civil, the one is as reprehensible as the other. Both offend common ideas of morality, but one adds to the crime the offense to decency and to public example. Both are crimes against society. Where ignorance is bliss, it is indeed sometimes folly to be wise; for in the one case the harm is confined to a few and in the other case it reaches many.

French Hostility to England.

French hostility to England grows daily more marked and bitter, if we may judge from the utterance of the Paris press, and there has naturally been aroused a feeling of indignation in England that is voiced in the recent speech of the secretary of state for the colonies, when he declared that this indignation "may have serious consequences if our neighbors do not mend their ways." This declaration has been criticised as indiscreet, even so distinguished a British statesman as Lord Rosebery pronouncing an unfavorable opinion upon it, but it is not to be doubted that a majority of Englishmen feel all the resentment implied in Chamberlain's remark. It is very true, as Rosebery said, that the queen cannot be besmirched by such attacks as have been made by the French press, but this does not mitigate the intent and it is this that justifies British indignation.

The French newspapers make light of Chamberlain's warning, but the colonial secretary is apt to have a pretty clear understanding of the prevailing sentiment among his countrymen and if he has correctly represented it the prediction may confidently be made that amicable relations between England and France will be maintained only by such conduct on the part of the latter as England can find no reasonable objection to.

The animosity between the people of the two countries has reached a point where it is more likely to grow in bitterness than to decrease and this being so there is obvious possibility of it lead-

Reward the Heroes.

Perhaps it should not have been necessary for Secretary of the Navy Long to urge upon congress the duty of properly recognizing and rewarding the Santiago naval heroes and doubtless it would not have been but for the unfortunate controversy as to who was entitled to the greater credit for the destruction of Cervera's squadron. Had this controvery not arisen it is not to be doubted that what congress did in recognition of the gallantry of the naval forces at Manila would have been extended to the Santiago heroes, who no less deserve to be thus honored.

It is not too late, however, to give the men who participated in the destruction of Spain's most formidable fleet just recognition and proper reward and undoubtedly this will be done if there is no more of the unseemly dispute which is responsible for the failure of the last congress to take such action. There will be no dissent from what Secretary Long says regarding the naval operations at Santiago. It was, as he states, "a campaign of great scope and enormous responsibilities" and was "marked by unsurpassed precision, brilliancy and vigor." It was one of the most illustrious achievements in naval annals. The American people honor the men who participated in it and there is no one who does not think they should receive the recognition they merit, but this must be perfectly fair and impartial. The people believe that there is in that memorable event "honor enough for all" and any effort to specially glorify and exalt one man should and will fail.

We have taken no part in the Sampson-Schley controversy. We have regarded it as most unfortunate for those distinguished officers and for the navy. It is to be hoped that there is an end to it, that the friends and admirers of these officers will have the good sense to let it rest. If this shall be done the present congress may be expected to justly recognize and reward the Santiago heroes and perhaps no one can do more than Secretary Long to bring this about.

Reports from Washington do not indicate any serious alarm over the reported prospective revolt in Cuba. If there were the War department would hardly endorse the move to bring home most of the troops remaining in the island. If no other interests were at stake than those of the Cubans themselves it might be the proper thing to evacuate and leave them to their own resources. Unfortunately, other interests are involved to which the United States owes protection.

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George W. Horton was hanged in the district jail at Washington last week for the murder of Jane Nicholson. The drop fell at 12:12. Horton was an ex-member of the police force, and Mrs. Micholson was a divorced woman. The evening of June 24, 1898, he met the woman in Armory Park, and in the conversation that ensued she announced her determination to break off the relations between them. As she arose from the bench to leave him, he drew a pocket-knife and slashed her across the throat. In a frenzy of rage he stabbed her again and again, almost severing her head from her body. Nearly 100 persons witnessed the murder but were too paralyzed with horror to interfere. He made no attemyt to escape, and yielded quietly to arrest. His defence was insanity, and after his conviction repeated attempts were made to secure executive clemency. The president, however, declined to interfere with the sentence. Horton was a married man.

"Does your teacher give any reward of merit?" asked one little boy of another.

"I guess so," replied the other. "He gives me a lickin' every day and says I merit two."

"I guess I'll marry Johnny Jones when I get growed up," said little 5-year-old Ethel.

"Oh, Nellie," exclaimed a very weary mother, "don't ask so many questions."

"But, mamma," queried the little one, "If I don't ask questions what can I ask?"

"Do you really like him so much?" asked her mother.

"Oh, no," replied Ethel, "it isn't that but he happens to like the same kind of candy I do."

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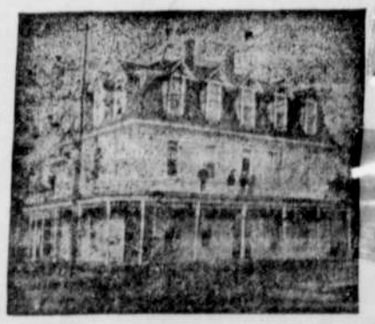
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