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It is said that the Republicans in Congress were startled and not at all pleased by the announcement of Admiral Dewey that he is a candidate for President, and if not nominated by one of the existing parties is willing to run as an independent candidate. They know that if he runs as an independent candidate he will draw his strength largely from McKinley, and they also know that McKinley has no surplus strength to lose. Colonel Bryan having already been practically chosen as the Democratic candidate, the Democrats in Congress regard Dewey's announcement very complacently and rather hope that he will run as an independent.

The press dispatches of a few days ago announce that the edict has gone forth from Hanna headquarters in Washington that no reduction in war taxes is to be made during the present session of Congress. And that settles it, for what Hanna says goes. He issues his edicts, then goes to the Capitol, bull whip in hand, herds his henchmen, and dictates their action with as much ease as a Republican member of the Supreme Court changes his mind when the interests of the masses are to be subverted. The people must continue to raise revenue with which to carry on a war of aggression and oppression against a country whose only sin is that of wanting freedom and the right to govern itself, which is of course wrong, since nothing is said in our Declaration of Independence about governments deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. But nothing better need have been hoped of this Hanna administration. Grapes are not gathered of thistles, and the ante-bellum idea of the greatest good to the greatest number does not now obtain in Washington. Hence a continuation of this unnecessary and burdensome taxation, for which there are three reasons, all worthy of the wooden-headed licentious doctors who begat them. The first is, Hanna wishes Congress to hurry and adjourn so that Republican representatives and Senators may go home and jump their length in effort to explain away the mistakes of his administration, to save him from the defeat which is staring him in the face; the second is, that he may have an opportunity to dicker with the big interests affected by the war taxes for campaign contributions; and the third is, that an enormous surplus may be accumulated in the treasury to meet the extravagant appropriations which are contemplated at the next session of Congress. Of course this is entirely satisfactory to Hanna, but what say the people about paying in the neighborhood of \$1 per capita in war taxes which are not necessary to run the affairs of the Government as they should be run? Next election day will answer.

Congressman Finley.

EDITOR TIMES: The political pot is beginning to boil—people are talking about their favorite candidates for Congress. Up to this time, however, I have heard mention of the names of only two candidates—Mr. D. E. Finley and Dr. T. J. Strait. The former is now representing this district in Congress and the latter represented us in that body for six years, beginning with the Fifty-third Congress. Now, in writing this communication, I shall try not to give offense to those who prefer the doctor to Mr. Finley. Dr. Strait's ambition to again represent us in Congress is an honorable one, and if the voters of this district nomi-

nate him at the August primary I shall certainly support him in the general election. But I venture the assertion that when our preliminary battle of ballots is at an end Mr. Finley will be the nominee. There is not a man in this Congressional district who possesses the intellectual qualifications for this important office that Mr. Finley does. Equipped by nature with a noble form and pleasing address, he has added to these the experience of several years in our General Assembly. But the new member, whatever his qualifications may be, is for the first term almost as helpless as a babe, and if there be any who are disappointed in the Congressional service of Mr. Finley I would ask them to consider the fact that he has not yet been in the halls of Congress six months. It takes time for a man to become acquainted with the party leaders of power and prestige, and there isn't a man in the whole country who could make a national reputation or be of great service to his constituents in so short a time. Our people make too many changes in their public officials, especially in the matter of sending representatives to the National Legislature, and we could with profit to ourselves emulate the example of New England in this particular. Since the formation of the Government it has been the policy of that section to send to Congress only men of experience and thought and to continue sending them as long as their capacity and health stayed with them. And I believe that unless death intervenes Mr. Finley will be re-elected.

VOTER.

Mr. John Temple Graves, of Georgia, who is a close observer of men and events, predicts the defeat of the Republicans in the coming Presidential election. Writing from Rochester N. Y., he says: "In the midst of much that justifies pessimism in the forecast it is as refreshing as a west wind—the protest of the whole country against the treatment of Puerto Rico. I have never seen anything to equal the scope of the protest or the extent of the revolution it has wrought in public sentiment. For these four years gone, and up to six weeks ago, to mention the name of Mr. McKinley in a public audience in the Northern or Middle States was to create a whirlwind. Now it means silence—absolute silence everywhere—broken only by the lonesome clatter of some blind and expectant partisan who sees nothing but the office he hopes to get. From a proud and happy position of a popular idol the President has fallen, for a time at least, into desecrated and distrust. Bryan has risen as high as his rival has fallen deep, and discounts the President in the favor of every popular audience that I have seen from Minnesota to Rhode Island. When the state of Iowa, which in the memory of living men, has never been anything but radically Republican and has for seven years followed the fortunes of McKinley with a devotion that was almost blind and servile—when Iowa boldly rises up in the might of a strong conviction and expresses, through her legislature, a free trade resolution that contains an almost passionate rebuke to the Puerto Rican iniquity of its party it is indeed a matter of amazement and alarm. But when a conference of Northern Methodist ministers—the most fanatical partisans that the President has in the country, holding session in the State of Pennsylvania, with its 200,000 Republican majority—deliberately and repeatedly hisses the name of McKinley, it is time to look for the falling of the stars or the collapse of the Republican party. It may be that the gods do not design to destroy the Republican party, but they have certainly completed the preliminary of 'making it mad.' With the single exception of three colossal trusts, the whole green country from Colorado to Maine is up in arms against this Puerto Rican infamy. Men who have been life long friends of the President like Kohlbaum, of Chicago, and a score of others in journalism and public life, have openly protested against the recent action. One of the most significant straws in the whirling tempest is the ease and grace with which the Democrats here in northern and western New York have reversed long-standing majorities in municipal and county elections and swept the field clear for November. I think the hope of the country rests in just such a spirit as has moved this insurrection. I believe in parties just as I believe in churches. It is impossible to carry principles forward without organization and co-operation, but somehow I always thank God when I see, in a crisis of national honor or national danger, men by the thousands rising up to declare that truth towers mountains high above all parties, and that by comparison parties are nothing and our country and right everything. Party lines are melting very lightly on

the great body of the people these days, and the organization that thinks it can command iniquity in the name of loyalty is going to realize the real caliber of a great and noble people. Of course the plain idea of the trusts is that their money can buy back in November the confidence their selfishness has outraged in March. It is the same brutal estimate of the people on which Mark Hanna—incarnate spirit of arrogant and unscrupulous politics—has predicated his whole career. When that man falls, as he surely will, to demons should be sung in the churches, and the day should be made a national holiday. No figure more monstrous and baneful has obscured the political sky in this generation. I should blush for my country if I permitted myself to believe that the money of the trusts could buy another endorsement of this man at the ballot box. * * * It seems to me that all along the skies are brightening for the cause that Bryan will lead to victory in November. The issues which he represents are so far above party, or spoils, or money, or expansion, that no true man can hesitate where to stand and where to fight. I said it ten months ago and I say it now that the issue of this Presidential year is a death grapple, fatal and final, between the old-fashioned 'power of the people' and the throned and bloated insolence of the colossal trusts. It is a crisis in which men should go from their knees to the ballot box, and if need be, from the ballot box to the battle field."

When General Robert E. Lee left his beautiful mansion at Arlington and hastened to Richmond to assume command of the troops of his native State at the outbreak of the Civil War, he left one of the most beautiful and picturesque homes of the many for which the South is noted. The house and land have been in possession of the Government almost from the outbreak of the war. It was when Lee resigned his commission in the Federal army and hastened to Richmond with his family that the Federal authorities, realizing that the war was on and that the national capital, standing so close to the borders of one of the seceding States would be a chief point of attack by the enemy, determined to gain a point of vantage by occupying the hills that border the Potomac on the Virginia shore. Then and there Arlington passed into the Government's hands. It was used for hospital purposes during the war, and later, at the suggestion of Quartermaster-General Meigs, made to President Lincoln, the magnificent Southern estate was converted into a military cemetery.

One can see Arlington House from Washington. It has a history which is very interesting. The house was built in 1802 by George Washington Parke Custis, son of John Parke Custis, whose widowed mother became Mrs. Martha Washington, wife of George Washington. When Colonel Custis died during the Revolutionary war, Washington adopted the two children as his own, and thenceforth they were members of the Washington household at Mt. Vernon. When Washington died, however, young Custis removed to the Arlington estate. There he lived like a Southern gentleman, entertaining friends of prominence and of fame, and enjoying distinction because of his close relation to the famous general who had adopted him as his son. It is said that among the distinguished men who were guests at Arlington was Lafayette, who, when he stood in the shadows of the Doric columns that form the front portico and gazed as far as the eye could see, pronounced the scene as one of the most beautiful he had ever looked upon. Visitors to-day to the historic spot say likewise. Although the estate was held by the Government from the time it first took possession at the outbreak of the war, the nation had no title to it until it was purchased for the paltry sum of \$23,100, when it was sold for delinquent taxes. That was in 1864, before the end of the war, and the fact that it was purchased, lying in Virginia as it does, indicates the deep abiding faith that Lincoln and his followers had for the successful outcome of the war, for otherwise it is not possible that they would have purchased the site to be used a national burial ground, in which were to be interred the remains of some 10,000 men who died to prevent the land wherein the estate lies from becoming a foreign territory. Years after the war was over, and the bitter feeling that it had engendered had died out somewhat, George Washington Custis Lee, heir to the estate under the Custis will, successfully established his title to the property and a generous government readjusted a settlement by paying him the sum of \$150,000.

The following article is a part of a story sent the New York World from Pretoria by Howard C. Hillegas: The world knows no finer example of heroism than that exhibited by fourteen women on one of the five days' fighting around Spion's kop, the second Majuba. A strictly family party of Boers, fourteen men and their wives, were entrenched in one position and held it with amazing bravery against a small force of British. For a long time the men fought incessantly and kept their wives busy reloading their rifles. Finally 50 British soldiers, with fixed bayonets, charged on the intrenchment. As they came closer the Boer men except

over the earthworks and, while the women began shooting, tried with the butts of their rifles to hammer back the British. Before their wives' eyes every one of the fourteen Boers was killed—bayoneted or shot. The fourteen women, so quickly widowed, never thought of surrender, but fought most valiantly and coolly for half an hour. The British surrounded them; not one of them survived to mourn her husband. Two days later when the British forces retired across the Tugela twenty-eight corpses, fourteen men, fourteen women, were found within a radius of 100 feet. Now there is a big long mound where rest the bodies of as brave a band as ever fought for freedom.

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TOWN ORDINANCE.

SEC. 1. Be it ordained by the Intendant and Wardens of the town of Fort Mill, S. C., in council assembled, That all persons subject to street duty under the laws of South Carolina, residing in the said town of Fort Mill, S. C., shall between the first day of May, 1900, and the fifteenth day of May, 1900, pay to the treasurer of said town a commutation tax of two dollars or perform four days' work on the streets of said town under the direction of the proper authorities.

SEC. 2. That all persons liable to work on said streets and failing to pay said commutation tax or labor as above required on or before the fifteenth day of May, 1900, shall pay a commutation tax of two dollars and fifty cents or perform five days' labor on the streets of said town, provided such tax be paid or labor performed on or before the first of June, 1900.

SEC. 3. That after the first day of June, 1900, all delinquents under this ordinance shall be arrested and brought before the Intendant for trial and if convicted shall pay a fine of five dollars or be imprisoned ten days or sentenced to perform ten days' hard labor on the streets of said town.

Ratified this 2nd day of April, 1900.
K. F. GILDER,
Intendant.

J. M. SPRATT,
Clerk.

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