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It is a singular thing that a surplus in the national treasury causes almost as much anxiety as that unfamiliar condition, a deficit, would. Whatever money accumulates either in the treasury or in private hands is withdrawn from general use and tends to disturb business conditions. Moreover idle money, with nations as with individuals, is always a temptation to extravagance. Still very few of us are so afraid of getting a little money ahead.

Augustus B. Wylie, in his "Modern Abyssinia," describes an interesting custom observed at Yejju, by which a long engagement is brought to a happy ending. The betrothed pair go secretly to the outskirts of a village. The man hides himself, and the girl shrieks. The first man who comes to her rescue is spared by her sweetheart. The couple may then go home and be married, for moral sentiment demands that every bridegroom should have killed his man.

The dépopulation of Ireland is still going on; in fact, last year, a greater number of emigrants left the island than the year before, and by far the greater part of them came to the United States. The total number of emigrants in 1900 was 45,288, an increase over 1899 of 3347. Over 82 percent of these were between the ages of 15 and 35, showing that Ireland is being gradually drained of its best bone and sinew. Of the total number of emigrants 37,765 came to this country. Great Britain received 6050, New Zealand 64, Canada 472 and Australia 834. It is significant that of the 472 that went to Canada 229 came from the province of Ulster.

The children's room in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington was opened recently, to the great delight of thousands of resident and visiting children. This room fills a long felt want, for previous to its opening children in search of knowledge had to roam all over the building to find what they needed and caused much unnecessary trouble, both to themselves, the teachers and friends who took them, and the employes of the institution. The room is spacious and has been tastefully decorated, and it contains specimens of all the subjects which could possibly come within the proper range of child observation and study. The room is no sense a kindergarten for girls and boys in their teens easily take advantage of opportunities afforded for investigation. The collection of birds, butterflies and minerals is said to be unrivaled in this or any other country.

According to an estimation by the American Grocer the nation's drink bill amounts to \$1,228,674,925, of which \$1,059,563,787 is for alcoholic liquors. Official statistics show it says that prosperity has brought with it an increased demand for spirituous and malt liquors, while the use of non-alcoholic beverages shows a very small gain and in the case of coffee, a decrease. Out of the total sum of \$1,228,674,925 about 86 percent is spent for alcoholic stimulants. The cost for non-alcoholic stimulants is as follows: Coffee, \$125,798,530; tea, \$37,312,698; cocoa, \$6,000,000. This added to the \$1,059,563,787 spent on alcoholic drinks represents a yearly per capita expenditure for beverages of \$16.17 for the 76,304,799 inhabitants of the United States, of a little less than 4 1-2 cents per day. The consumption in 1900 of tea was 416,515,885 gallons, and of spirits and wines 112,675,873 gallons. The statistics prove that coffee and beer are the favorite national beverages and that coffee holds its supremacy over fermented liquors; that the consumption of alcoholic liquor increases in prosperous times and that it was larger in 1900 than for any year since 1893. It is less per capita now than 10 years ago in spite of last year's gain.

Things are coming Count Boni's way. To win a duel and a lawsuit is more than happens to the average nobleman in dis-

# COTTON GOODS NOW

## All the Great Industries Being Taken By Trusts.

### \$26,100,000 COTTON LUCK COMPANY

#### A Large Number of Mills Merged, Including Several Located in the Southern States.

New York, Special.—Official announcement was made of the formation of a company which will acquire the larger cotton duck manufacturing concerns of the country. The new company will be known as the United States Cotton Duck Corporation, and will be organized under the laws of New Jersey. It will have an authorized capital of \$25,000,000 of 6 percent, cumulative preferred stock and \$25,000,000 of common stock. The total issue of preferred stock for present purposes will be \$16,100,000, which includes stock provided for the exchange of both issues of the Mount Vernon-Woodberry Cotton Duck Company and \$10,000,000 common stock, making a total of \$26,100,000.

Speaking of the merger, S. Davis Warfield, president of the Continental Trust Company of Baltimore, who financed the Mount Vernon-Woodberry Company and is chairman of the board of directors, said "Arrangements have been completed through the acquisition of stocks of existing corporations, or by purchase of the properties themselves whereby the manufacturing establishments, plants, business, quick assets, brands, good will, etc., of the following concerns now engaged in the manufacture of cotton duck and similar products will be acquired: Mount Vernon-Woodberry Cotton Duck Company, of Delaware, owning 14 mills acquired from the following companies: The Mount Vernon Company, four mills; the Woodberry Manufacturing Company, five mills; the Laurel Mills, of Laurel, Md.; Franklinville Mills, Franklinville, Md.; the Tennessee Falls Manufacturing Company, Tallassee, Ala.; Greenwood Company, New Hartford, Conn.; and the Columbia Mills, Columbia, S. C. The latter company controls a number of brands, some of which have been in use for upwards of half a century. Another group of mills acquired by the new company includes the Stark Mills, of Manchester, N. H.; the LaGrange Mills of LaGrange, Ga., and the Hogansville Manufacturing Company, of Hogansville, Ga. In addition to these properties Mr. Warfield proceeded to explain that the new corporation has the option right extending to January 1, 1903, to purchase the mills and properties of the West Point Manufacturing Company, and several other concerns located in Georgia. It is understood that the new company will be incorporated and formally organized this week.

### TRENDIOUS STEEL COMBINE.

#### Many Large Companies Unite Their Interests.

Chicago, Special.—The Chronicle says: A combination of the outside steel concerns with a capital of \$200,000,000 is said to be in process of promotion by John W. Gates, John Lambert and Isaac L. Ellwood, the promoters and organizers of the American Steel and Wire Company. The concerns to be gathered into the new combine are the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, the Republic Iron and Steel Company, the Pennsylvania Steel Company, the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company. The aggregate capital of these concerns is \$125,000,000. The Morgan combination has been seeking to affiliate one and all of them at various times and negotiations had advanced almost to the point of completion when the stock market broke last week and spoiled the arrangement.

### Bank Clerk Short.

New York, Special.—E. L. Chetwood, confidential clerk for the last 13 years in the employ of Brown Brothers, bankers, was arrested, charged with being short in his accounts \$12,000 in one item, and that there are other items showing shortages. Chetwood entered the firm's employ 20 years ago as a messenger and for the last six years he had been receiving teller. His salary was \$3,000 a year and he had the confidence of the firm to such an extent that no bond was required from him. Most of the money was taken within the last six months.

### Telegraphic Briefs.

President C. M. Schwab, of the United States Steel Corporation, gave the Industrial Commission much information about the new company.

Mrs. Louis Botha, who has obtained consent to interview Mr. Kruger and urge him to advocate peace, sailed for Europe on the steamer Dunvegan Castle.

# THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

## The South.

Some trouble is apprehended when the new rule of "no work, no food" will be enforced against idle negroes in Jacksonville.

The Council of Regents and Vice-Regents of the Mount Vernon Association attended Old Pohick church.

The seventy-third Company, Coast Artillery, left Newport News, Va., for the Buffalo Exposition.

Two murderers were sentenced to be hanged and one to imprisonment for 33 years at Santa Fe, N. M., on Saturday.

The Southern Baptist Convention will meet next at Asheville, N. C.

Rev. Dr. Rufus C. Burleson, a Baptist minister and educator, died in Waco, Texas, aged 85 years.

The Jamestown journeyman plumbers ordered a strike Monday morning and the employes of every shop in town went out. Their demands are for \$2.50 to \$3 a day, a reduction of hours to nine a day and a more stringent control of the apprentice-hyp system.

## The North.

There has been a slight falling off in the enlistments for the regular army since the withdrawal of the portion of the advertisement saying that recruits and new regiments were being enlisted for the Philippines.

The degree of doctor of laws has been conferred upon President William McKinley by the University of California. Only twice before, since the founding of the University in 1868, has this degree been bestowed by the institution.

The Twenty-third Regiment, of Brooklyn, has been ordered out to quell the riots in Albany.

Of a party of 26 persons engaged in a "starlight" ride two were killed and a number injured by a collision with a trolley car near College Point, L. I.

Fire along the Rouge river, at Delray, a suburb of Detroit, Mich., caused a loss of \$500,000.

Former President Cleveland, who is fishing at Middlebass, is having poorer luck than usual. Two other anglers have made bigger catches.

At St. Luke's Hospital, in New York, it was announced that the condition of Dr. Winfield Scott Schley was somewhat improved.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Carrie Nation charged with "joint" smashing returned a verdict of guilty. Sentence will be pronounced.

The new North river bridge between New York and Hoboken, it is said, will be the largest in the world.

Miss Christie McDonald was married at Buzzards Bay, Mass., to Mr. William Winter Jefferson, son of Mr. Joseph Jefferson.

Eight hundred machinists in Chicago, Ill., will demand increased wages and a shorter day May 20.

The Moline Plow Company of Moline, Ill., has given the Plow Trust a \$5,000,000 option on its plant.

A half million dollars was paid for the First Methodist church, of Cleveland, O., the site being wanted for an office building.

There is an outbreak of measles in the Eskimo village at the Pan-American Exposition. There are four cases thus far, two of which developed in spite of precautions.

## Foreign.

The War Office has received the following from the German headquarters at Peking: "General Liu's troops at Luck and scattered 1,000 Boxers, 45 kilometers south of Pao Ting Fu."

Princess Frederick Charles of Hesse, the youngest sister of Emperor William, gave birth to twins early Tuesday morning.

The French budget for 1902 will be the largest in the history of the nation.

Russia, in a note to the powers, declares that she will maintain the "present temporary situation in Manchuria."

A new loan of \$51,000,000 is being negotiated by Russia.

General De Wet has resumed operations and is reported to have crossed into the Transvaal with 2,000 men.

Sultan Abdul Hamid has demanded the suppression of the foreign post-offices in Constantinople.

King Edward VII is said to be increasingly nervous because of a reduction of his cigar allowance.

There are renewed rumors from Berlin of eccentric conduct by Emperor William.

The Reichstag will soon adjourn until November.

The Government of Uruguay is mobilizing troops to put down a threatened political conspiracy.

Grand Duke Michael of Russia may visit the United States.

Up to date there have been 610 cases of the plague and 275 deaths at Cape Town.

Eight Italian laborers were killed by an avalanche at Campodeleone, in the Italian Alps.

## Miscellaneous.

The Vanderbilts and John D. Rockefeller are declared to have had a prominent part in the move to prevent J. P. Morgan and James J. Hill from getting control of the Northern Pacific Railroad.

Owing to the illness of Mrs. McKinley the President was obliged to take her to San Francisco from Del Monte ahead of the arranged program.

# ARP ON THE PAST.

## He Talks of the Andersonville Stories Now Told Again.

### HILL'S SPEECH IS RECALLED

#### Bartow Philosopher Declares That All Liars Are Not Yet Dead and Lies Are Repeated.

As the poet Browning said: "I thought the lie was dead and damned," but it seems not. Andersonville has broken out again. We thought that our general—Senator Hill—had killed that whole Andersonville business in his masterly reply to Blaine some twenty-five years ago. He proved from the federal records that the suffering of their soldier boys in that prison was the sin, the crime, the shame of Stanton, who refused to exchange with us and refused to send medicine and supplies for their sick. We did the very best we could and some honest northern soldiers have so written and published in northern papers. But ever and anon the same old lie breaks loose again, and now they have started a new one about a spring—the "Providence spring," which they gushed forth from the ground just in time to save their soldiers from perishing for lack of water. And they are spending money in enclosing and beautifying the grounds around the spring. The contemptible liars. Scores of good old men still live who knew of that spring away back in the 40's when Andersonville was a wilderness and the spring was known as a deer stand. Yes, it was a Providence spring, for providence created it, and all the other springs when He made the continent and the rivers and mountains. Andersonville never lacked water and was selected for a prison because of the abundance of water, and that little spring was of no consequence, for it ran only about thirty gallons an hour, which would be less than half a gill a day to the prisoners. The spring was covered up by the hands when ditching for the stockade and its water found some other channel and broke out again after a big rain and that's all there is about it. No Providence spring! Those everlasting liars are just hunting up some more devilment. This spring business is another Barbara Fritchie delusion gotten up to keep the northern heart in tune and fire up Goldwin Smith to write some more historic lies about the south. But "whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth," and our faith is that He loves our people very much or He would not chasten us so much and so long with these vile slanders. "And I said in mine haste all men are liars," said David. If he had lived up north in our day he might have said it at his leisure. We are getting so accustomed and so hardened to their exaggeration and prevarication that we don't believe them when they tell the truth. History says that Israel Putnam crawled into a cave and killed a wolf. I used to believe that but I doubt it now since Goldwin Smith has set up Benedict Arnold as a hero. Providence spring! what a lie!

But our veterans are clearing up this history business and our teachers had better be very careful what they teach. I Maury's geography they teach. I never did understand until recently why Maury's geography was ruled out of so many schools and Frue's was put in. There is some bribery in this school book business. Money is paid to school commissioners, or teachers, or some outside lawyers for their influence. Last year a teacher high in office at Knoxville was expelled for accepting a bribe and I have heard it charged that a lawyer in Atlanta got big money for buying a book in the public schools. Money rules the roost in every calling and there is a money job behind this Andersonville business. Providence spring! our country, what does providence have to do with these fellows who see the wicked prosper? It is a bay tree," says David. An old dinky heard me say, "I wonder what makes the Lord smile on old Jim Wilkins so. Jim is as mean as a dog, but every trade he makes and everything he touches turns into money. He is getting richer and richer every year." The old dinky said: "Why, boss, de Lord haint got anything to do wid Jim Wilkins. Lord haint notice him. Lord dun give him up long time ago. Dat's why he gittin rich—old debil ar runnin him."

Providence spring. But it is mighty strange to me that the northern people will let Goldwin Smith scandalize the founders of our government. I thought that everybody north and south idolized Washington and Jefferson and Madison and Monroe. I thought that everybody outside of Massachusetts was proud of Patrick Henry and Randolph and Henry Clay. I didn't know that Benedict Arnold had an admirer or an apoloizer north or south or in England or anywhere. I didn't know that Goldwin Smith was such a conspicuous historian until this last history appeared. It appears that he is a great favorite in England and Canada and is a contributor to the leading magazines and co-editor of an English encyclopedia. But we are making progress, Providence spring! Those yankees say

that just in the nick of time when hope was nearly gone and despair had set in for want of water Providence upheaved the ground and the water gushed forth like it did when Moses struck the rock with his rod. Mr. Pillsbury, of Americus, an honorable veteran, was there on guard and says the whole thing is a made up lie, and it can be proved so by many old citizens of Sumter county. We will have to nail that Andersonville lie to a board and put in up at the forks of the road. We will brand it when we meet at Memphis. I want to meet Colonel John Cussans there and thank him for his little book. I want every veteran to have one. The price is only 25 cents, and it is worth ten times that much to have it in the house and refer to it sometimes when we get cussin mal.

Providence spring! I'm going to see if I can't beat my nabor, Cary and Yarbrough and Corley and Mrs. Fields, raising tomatoes. Mr. Corley has put out only six plants and says they will give him twenty bushels of fruit. Mr. Yarbrough, the preacher, has six plants. He dug six wells about two feet deep and filled them up with all sorts of fertile and says he will have a wagon load. Last year he had eight on one stem—all touching each other, and the eight weighed twelve pounds! I've seen the photograph. I've got out 100 plants and am not done yet, and they laugh at me, but I want a load or two to give away. My garden must keep me busy. It won't do to sit down and brood over trouble and slander and lies. I pick strawberries every day, but I'm not fond of the business. Have to stoop too much and it gives me the backache. I'm the only boy left and my folks keep me very busy.—Bill Arp in Atlanta Constitution.

## PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Grand Duke Michael of Russia may visit the United States.

Premier Waldeck-Rousseau, of France, has recovered his health.

Pietro Mascagni, the composer, is writing a life of Giuseppe Verdi.

Lord Salisbury returned to London from the South of France looking exceedingly well.

Aguinaldo is an enthusiastic wheelman. He learned how to ride in Hong Kong.

The degree of doctor of laws has been conferred on the Duke of York by the University of Melbourne.

Marquis Ito, the Japanese statesman, is suffering from brain trouble and is not likely to resume office.

W. F. Draper, the Lowell mill-owner, will live in Italy, to which country he was formerly the American Ambassador.

Sir Thomas Lipton has just received from Mr. McKinley a photograph of the President, bearing a cordial greeting in autograph.

Senator John P. Jones, of Nevada, has over \$75,000 invested in orange groves near Los Angeles, Cal., and has become quite an expert judge of the fruit.

President Blaine of New York is said to be a most abominable man. His only face is almost square, and even when he attends official banquets in a party but little from his regular diet.

A measure of spending some of the summer months in the adopted by the King of Greece. He turns farmer, and can plant a field, run and bind corn in short, keep a farm going from May to August, as though it were his business.

Congressman Dornier, of West Virginia, says that President McKinley is planning to tour the world at the expiration of his term of office. The President's foreign trip will, it is said, be more extensive than that made by General Grant in 1877.

## Frightened by Sensitive Plants.

In his "On the Frontier" Mr. Campion says that while he was crossing the Isthmus of Panama some years ago the conductor obligingly stopped the train for him to gather some beautiful crimson flowers on the roadside. "I refused offers of assistance and went alone to pluck the flowers. After gathering a handful I noticed a large bed of plants, knee high, and of delicate form and of beautiful green shade. I walked to them, broke off a fine spray and placed it with the flowers. To my amazement I saw that I had gathered a withered, shriveled, brownish weed. I threw it away, carefully selected a large, bright green plant and plucked it. Again I had in my hand a bunch of withered leaves. It flashed through my mind that a sudden attack of Panama fever, which was very prevalent and much talked of, had struck me delirious. I went 'off my head' from fright. In a panic I threw the flowers down, and was about to run to the train. I looked around; nothing seemed strange. I felt my pulse—all right. I was in a perspiration, but the heat would have made a lizard perspire. Then I noticed that the plants where I stood seemed shrunken and wilted. Carefully I put my finger on the fresh branch. Instantly the leaves shrank and began to change color. I had been frightened by sensitive plants."

A Berlin dispatch announces the discharge of 5,000 employes of the great Krupp iron and steel works, making 1,600 discharged since October last. And the Berlin Tageblatt says "one-fourth of all the working people of Germany are either idle or insufficiently employed."