A Smart Reply.

Some recruits were being drilled at Aldershot by a very impatient cavalry drill sergeant. After about an hour of hard drilling at the sword exercise, the sergeant gave the order, "Stand at ease."

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After about a minute's hesitation one of the recruits remarked: "I suppose there would be sergeants among them?"—Answers.

Tea in Thibet.

The Times of India declares that tea driking is the curse of Thibet. The people, it says, have such an insatiable craving for the beverage that they will sell their houses, their flocks, their very children, to procure it. If ever an apostle appears in Thibet to regenerate the nation he will have to preach a crusade in favor of whiskey drinking in order to wean the inhabitants from the national vice."

A New Crazy Sect In Connecticut.

A lot of fanatics in the State recently immersed an old rheumatic woman bodily in the water to "heal her" as they said. She nearly died in consequence. How much better it would have been to have treated the poor old woman for her infirmity with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which not only cures rheumatism, but prevents kidney complaint and remedies dyspepsia, constipation, liver trouble and nervous prostration. Give it a systematic trial.

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MEMBERS TALKED POLITICS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROPRIATION BILL GAVE WIDE RANGE.

'PROSPERITY OR NON-PROSPERITY.'

Simpson, of Kansas, Makes a Humorous Dig at Dingley—Proceedings of the Senate.

A Washington special says: The house spent the day Thursday ostensibly considering the fortifications appropriation bill. In reality the major portion of the time was consumed in the discussion of political topics, the existence or non-existence of prosperity in this country being the main question of dispute.

The feature of the day was the discovery by Mr. Simpson, the Kansas populist, and the exploitation of the alleged fact that Mr. Dingley, chairman of the ways and means committee, wore a London made pot hat.

Mr. Dingley explained that the hat was made in New York. The London trademark was simply placed there to please the anglomaniacs who always preferred things because they were English.

All attempts to increase the appropriations in the fortifications appropriation bill or to amend it in any respect were voted down.

The debate drifted directly into politics and Mr. Burke, democrat of Texas, and Mr. Grosvenor, republican, of Ohio, joined issue on the subject of "McKinley prosperity."

Mr. Simpson, populist, of Kansas, followed and again took up the controversy he had a few days ago with Mr. Pitney, republican, of New Jersey, over the trusts, which he said were organized in New Jersey to prey on Kansas and other states. In a humorous vein he said the people of New Jersey were not to blame; that legislation in that state was knocked down to the highest bidders, as they were the descendants of the Hessians.

Mr. Dingley said that Mr. Simpson was given to talking through his hat, and ended by denying that he (Dingley) had imported wool before the passage of the Dingley bill. The whole episode caused a great deal of amusement in the house.

Without completing the bill, at 5:05 o'clock p. m., the house adjourned.

In his invocation at the opening of the senate the chaplain made a fervent appeal for the restoration to health of the senior senator from Mississippi, Mr. Walthall.

A bill repealing an act granting American register to the steamers Claribel and others, was reported and passed. Mr. Frye, of Maine, said that the act had been passed under a misapprehension, as the vessels were owned by Englishmen.

Germany's order prohibiting the importation of American fruits into that empire called out a resolution from Mr. Davis, Minnesota, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, calling upon the president, if not incompatible with the public interest, to transmit to the senate the correspondence and other information bearing upon the matter in his possession or in that of the state department. The resolution was agreed to.

In accordance with notice previously given Mr. Caffery, Louisiana, called up formally the resolution reported from the committee on privileges and elections, declaring that Hon. Henry W. Corbett is not entitled to a seat in the senate from the state of Oregon.

The senate committee on interstate commerce decided to report the anti-scalping bill with a recommendation that it pass.

Republicans Caucus.

The republican members of both houses of congress held a caucus Thursday night, at which the republican congressional committee was practically organized for the campaign. About seventy senators and representatives attended.

The delegations of all but eighteen states announced the selection of their representatives on the committee. The Southern members of the committee as far as chosen are as follows:

North Carolina, Representative Pearson; Tennessee, Representative Henry R. Gibson; Texas, Representative R. B. Hawley; Virginia, Representative J. R. Walker; West Virginia, Representative Warren Miller.

EXPENSE OF CUBAN WAR

Officially Estimated From Inception to End of 1897 at $240,000,000.

A Madrid dispatch says: The cost of the Cuban war from February, 1895, to the end of 1897 is officially estimated at $240,000,000, besides the arrears due from the Cuban treasury, amounting to $40,000,000.

The Imparcial complains that the commercial negotiations between Spain Cuba and the United States are being entrusted to Senor de Lome, the Spanish minister at Washington, and urges the government to appoint experts to examine the terms of the treaty on Spain's behalf.

TWELVE MONTHS FOR COOPER.

Dunson's Slayer Found Guilty of Involuntary Manslaughter.

The jury in the Cooper case at La Grange, Ga., returned a verdict Thursday afternoon and the court room was crowded when the result was announced.

The verdict was involuntary manslaughter and Cooper's sentence was fixed at twelve months in the chaingang.

FIEND IN HUMAN FORM.

Kills Aged Father, Mother and His Son and Wounds His Wife.

A special from Little Rock, Ark., says: Five miles north of Mulberry, in Franklin county, Sol F. Autrey, a farmer, accompanied by his family, went out Wednesday morning to visit his aged father and mother living near Mulberry.

Shortly after his arrival Autrey became engaged in a religious argument with the old folks.

Suddenly he grasped an iron bar, killed his aged father, mother and his ten-year-old son and seriously wounded his wife and three remaining children, two of whom are not expected to live.

When the maniac started the deadly work his wife and eldest daughter made their escape, notifying a near neighbor, but when the neighbor arrived the man was standing in the door swearing he would kill any one who dared to enter.

Other neighbors came and found Autrey a raving maniac, with his clothing on fire.

He was overpowered, and the sight that met their eyes was appalling—dead victims on the floor, beaten, burned and mangled almost beyond recognition. He has been swearing that witches were the cause of the act, and that the last lick was when he killed his boy, and then says he awoke. Some doubt his insanity.

BISCUIT MAKERS COMBINE.

A New Corporation Formed With a Capital Stock of $55,000,000.

A Chicago special says: All the big biscuit and cracker companies between Salt Lake City on the west, Portland, Me., on the east, St. Paul in the north and New Orleans in the south will go under one management.

The name of the new corporation, which was incorporated Thursday in the state of New Jersey, with a capiial of $25,000,000 of preferred and $30,000,000 of common stock, is the National Biscuit Company.

The actual transfer of the deeds of the various plants controlled by the companies merged into the National company took place in the office of the Illinois Trust and Savings bank in Chicago.

Benjamin F. Crawford, of Mansfield, O., was elected president; H. F. Wories, of Chicago, first vice president; Frank O. Lowden, Chicago, second vice president; C. E. Rumsey, Pittsburg, secretary and treasurer.

The new company has purchased for cash all the assets, bills receivable and operating plants of all the bakeries which were controlled by the American Biscuit and Manufacturing Company, United States Baking Company and New York Biscuit Company. It also assumes all the indebtedness of these companies. Practically all the stockholders of the old companies subscribed for stock in the National company. The amount of money paid into stock and cash by the National company for the buildings in the various companies which have been merged into the National is exactly $23,000,000.

CALIFORNIA NOT AFFECTED

By Germany's Prohibitive Action Against American Fruit.

Among the fruit exporters in San Francisco the news of the action of the German government prohibiting the importation of American fruit has created no alarm.

Albert Castle, of Castle Bros., voices the general sentiment in the statement that California sent too little fresh fruit to Germany to feel the prohibition. He agreed with J. K. Armsby & Co.'s representatives, Thomas F. Porter Bros. & Co. and Rosenberg Bros. & Co., that at present the market in Germany for that state's fresh fruits was not of sufficient importance to justify alarm.

SHRAPNEL SHOTS NO GOOD.

Test Showed Fifty Per Cent of Ammunition To Be Worthless.

Tests of shrapnel shots furnished to the United States army have been made by Lieutenant E. B. Babbitt, of Benicia arsenal. Twenty-six shells were fired and 50 per cent of the ammunition was found to be wholly worthless.

The flimsy shrapnel was furnished by the ordnance company of Washington.

Charles R. Suter, chief engineer of the Pacific division, has instruction from General J. M. Wilson, chief of engineers, Washington, D. C., to hasten the work of mounting the modern guns for the defense of harbor.

"CONFEDERACY OF LABOR"

Proposed For Southern Unions Independent of Those In the North.

A movement to organize "The Southern Confederacy of Labor" has been started in Atlanta, Ga., and is now so far under way that a convention will probably be held in that city at an early date to formally launch the new organization.

The plan is to call a convention of the white labor organizations of the south for the purpose of formulating such plans as will bring about harmony and concert of action among them, independent of big labor unions and federations of the north.

COMMISSION WILL CONTROL

Telegraph and Express Companies In the State of South Carolina.

A Columbia special says: The South Carolina legislature has passed an act putting telegraph and express companies under control of the state railroad commission just as railroads are. The power of telegraph and express companies to establish offices without the consent of the commission is denied.

A Benefactress' Kind Act.

From the Evening News, Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. John Tansey, of 130 Baker Street, Detroit, Michigan, is one of those women who always know just what to do in all trouble and sickness. One that is a mother to those in distress. To a reporter she said:

"I am the mother of ten children and have raised eight of them. Several years ago we had a serious time with my daughter, which began when she was about sixteen years old. She did not have any serious illness but seemed to gradually waste away. Having never had any consumption in our family, as we come of good old Irish and Scotch stock, we did not think it was that. Our doctor called the disease by an odd name, which, as I afterward learned, meant lack of blood.

"It is impossible to describe the feeling John and I had as we noticed our daughter slowly passing away from us. We finally found, however, a medicine that seemed to

Most of the Time She Was Confined to Bed.

help her, and from the first we noticed a decided change for the better, and after three months' treatment her health was so greatly improved you would not have recognized her. She gained in flesh rapidly and soon was in perfect health. The medicine used was Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I have always kept these pills in the house since and have recommended them to many people. I have told many mothers about them and they have effected some wonderful cures.

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Subterranean Rivers.

In the November Geographical Journal we find a communication from Sir Clements Markham, who describes how Baron Nordenskiold reasoned out the possibility of finding fresh water by boring strong hard crystaline rock. Baron Nordenskiold's idea was that by boring through the granite rocks he would strike water bearing fissures. He therefore selected the rocky islets on the Swedish coast which serve as pilot and light stations, and completing borings found sweet water could be obtained at a depth of 100 feet, the texture of the rock preventing the salt water from percolating through and commingling with the sweet water lying in the fissures. In the same number of the Geographical Journal there is an article by M. E. A. Martel on "British Caves and Speleology." M. Martel describes a descent into caves near Enniskillen, as well as other descents in Ireland, and also describes what he saw of underground rivers and lakes in Derbyshire and in Yorkshire. In the case of the Irish caves he says their flowingt waters must have an outlet under the sea, as there is no other way to account for the phenomenon. We refer to these matters, as they interest cable engineers, and bear upon a paper read before the Institution of Electrical Engineers during the last session by Mr. Benest. In this paper it was stated that it was believed by some engineers that submarine telegraph cables when laid on a continental slope, and in a direction more or less parallel to the coast line, were liable to interruption from the effects of an outburst of subterranean water on these slopes even in deep water. Deductions from the evidence furnished by Baron Nordenskiold and M. Martel seem to increase the belief in the theory referred to in Mr. Bennest's paper.—Electrical Review.

Monkeys as Gold Finders.

Capt. E. Moss of the Transvaal tells the following story of the monkeys who work for him in the mines:

"I have 24 monkeys," said he, "employed about my mines. They do the work of seven able-bodied men. In many instances they lend valuable aid where a man is useless. They gather up the small pieces of quartz that would be passed unnoticed by the workingmen, and pile them up in little heaps that can easily be gathered up in a shovel and thrown into a mill. They work just as they please, sometimes going down into the mines when they have cleared up all the debris on the outsides. They live and work together without quarreling any more than men do. They are quite methodical in their habits, and go to work and finish up in the same manner as human beings would do under similar circumstances. It is very interesting to watch them at their labor, and see how carefully they look after every detail of the work they attempt. They clean up about the mines, follow the wheelbarrows and carts used on mining and pick up everything that falls off on the way."—Tit-Bits.

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