

OPEN DOOR POLICY.

Congressman Dingley Explains the Meaning of the Term.

Applied to the Philippines—Does Not Mean Free Trade But Imports from All Countries Are Admitted on Same Terms.

Chairman Dingley, of the ways and means committee, in an interview explained the term "open door" policy, as applied to the future of the Philippines in case they should be acquired by the United States.

The phrase, "open door policy," which is now being talked about so much in the newspapers, said Mr. Dingley, means simply equality of treatment and not free trade. As applied to the dependency of a country it simply means that imports from all countries are to be admitted on the same terms as imports from the mother country.

Whether it would be possible to apply this policy to the Philippines after they should become a part of the territory of the United States under that provision of the constitution which authorizes congress to "make needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property of the United States" I am not prepared to say.

INTERESTING POINT DECIDED.

California Court Says Person Can Acquire Property as Direct Result of His Own Crime.

Superior Judge Buckles, of Solano county, Cal., has just decided an interesting case, involving the question as to whether a person can acquire property as the direct result of his own crime. The decision is in the affirmative.

Louis, Frank, Arthur, Thomas and Susie Belew were brothers and sisters. Louis and Susie were married and each possessed estates in their own right. The father and mother were both dead.

The petition for the distribution of the estate of Susie and Louis Belew asked that the said estate be distributed in equal shares to the surviving brothers and to the estate of Frank Belew.

SIGSBEE GETS A LOVING CUP.

Commercial Club of St. Paul Honors the Commander of the Cruiser "St. Paul."

The Commercial club, of St. Paul, has presented a loving cup to Capt. Charles D. Sigsbee, who, as the commander of the auxiliary cruiser "St. Paul," had an active part in the victories of the recent war, both in disabling the torpedo boat destroyer Terror and in capturing the British boat Restormel, laden with coal for Cervera's fleet.

WORSE THAN DERVISHES.

Hero of the Nile, Gen. Kitchener, Spends a Day with the Rollingback Students at Cambridge.

At Cambridge, England, Gen. Kitchener was accorded a great reception when he received the freedom of the borough and was admitted to the degree of doctor of laws, which was the occasion for an outburst of time-honored rollicking undergraduate spirit.

Millions of Men Under Arms.

A French statistician states that the total number of men permanently under arms is 4,250,000. If universal war broke out there would be 44,250,000 men ready to take up arms at once.

Income Tax in India.

Only one man in 700 pays income tax in India, though the tax is levied on all incomes of £35 and upward.

FLESH DRIVEN INTO HEART.

New York Hospital Patient Succumbs to a Remarkable Case of Injury.

John Wagenblat died at St. Catherine's hospital, New York city, this afternoon as the result of a remarkable accident. He was shot with a piece of his own flesh, which, entering a vein, brought about his death.

The victim was taken to a hospital and the surgeons finally determined upon preparations for making for the young man a face of celluloid. Liquid food was given to Wagenblat by means of a feed cup with a long nozzle.

A fragment of flesh, torn from the forehead by one of the buckshot, had been driven into a vein, and, taken up by the current of the blood, had been slowly pushed toward the heart.

QUARREL OVER PRIZES.

Friction Between Army and Navy Concerning Disposition of Captured Spanish Ordnance.

There have been signs of friction between the army and navy over the disposition of the Spanish ordnance captured during the war, both branches of the service claiming these guns.

The naval officials have claimed that where their ships fired on and silenced the fortifications the guns belong to them, but the military authorities, being in possession and having received the surrender of the cities, claim the right to retain possession of the captured arms.

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Navy's Power Increased by Many Ships Rather Than Their Size.

Capt. Mahan, of the United States Navy, in an Article on "The War on the Sea and Its Lessons," Expresses His Views.

Capt. Mahan, of the United States navy, publishes in the London Times the first of four articles on "The War on the Sea and Its Lessons." Admitting the risk of passing final judgment on events still recent, Capt. Mahan argues that in the rapid drive of life a rapid, rough, yet, still, a working decision must be formed from the new experiences. The material, he says, is not yet available to give a complete story of the operations, nor is the time ripe for final decisions, but it is sufficient to suggest a general direction to thought.

He recalls that the American naval plans were hampered by the fact that the war was undertaken primarily to drive Spain out of Cuba. If a more general appreciation of the situation had been adopted and the United States had taken account of the injury it had sustained by the iniquitous character of Spain's rule in her colonies and had declared war on these grounds the objective American operation would have been differently chosen, so as not merely to help Cuba, but to compel Spain to adopt such terms as the United States might demand.

Capt. Mahan insists weightily on the great military importance of Porto Rico, which is to Cuba, to the future Isthmian canal, and to the Pacific coast what Malta is, or may be, to Egypt and beyond.

In estimating the fighting strength of the American and Spanish fleets, the navy department held unwaveringly that not merely possible success justified a risk unless it gave fair promise of diminishing the enemy's naval force and so deciding the control of the sea, upon which the issue of the war depended.

He attaches immense importance to the bringing of the Oregon to the Pacific to the Atlantic, because it showed the grip the American fleet had on Cervera's squadron and the consequent power to move an army to Santiago without fear.

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Bulletin Financier.

Vendredi, 30 décembre 1898.

COMPTOIR D'ÉCHANGES (CLARING HOUSE) DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS.

Table with columns for various financial instruments and their values, including items like 'Billets des Etats Unis', 'Or et Argent', and 'Certificats de Warrants'.

MARCHÉ MONÉTAIRE.

Table showing market rates for various currencies and gold/silver prices, including 'Nouvelles-Orléans', 'Paris', and 'Londres'.

MARCHÉ DE LA NIE-ORLEANS.

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Bulletin Commercial.

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