

BRAVERY TO BE REWARDED.

President McKinley Will Recognize All the Heroes of the Late War.

The president will advance by brevet all the officers who participated in the battle of San Juan and all officers who were actually under fire in the war with Spain.

The decision has been reached as a result of the work of a board recently appointed to investigate recommendations for advancement by brevet made by military commanders during the war.

It has decided to recommend to the president that certain enlisted men who distinguished themselves by heroic conduct out of the regular line of military duty be given the medal of honor.

An effort will be made by careful discrimination to make this medal a high honor.

MADE LEPER FOR REVENGE.

Blood from a Diseased Filippine is Injected into a Volunteer Soldier's Veins.

William Laper has returned to Richmond, S. D., to die of leprosy, which, it is feared, he contracted while serving with his regiment in the Philippines.

Laper is the 22-year-old son of a Union county farmer, and went to Manila with one of the first assignments of troops.

WANTS TO HIDE HIS MISERY.

Disappointed-in-Love Weather Man Asks to Be Transferred.

An assistant government weather forecaster in a western city has written Prof. William Moore, chief of the weather bureau, asking to be transferred from his present station to the most remote and isolated weather station of the United States.

"WAR AGAINST WAR."

Initial Number of William Stead's New Paper Appears—Month-long Campaign of Disarmament Organized.

Dr. William Stead's new paper, intended to be the mouthpiece of his disarmament crusade and entitled War Against War, has made its appearance in London.

RELIGION IS DEAD.

Too Sudden Change in Ecclesiastical System in Porto Rico.

Report of Father Thomas E. Sherman's Trip Through the Island—Found People Gentle, Devoted and Kindly.

Assistant Secretary Melklejohn has made public through the division of customs and insular affairs Father Thomas E. Sherman's very interesting and instructive report to Gen. Brooke of his recent tour through the island of Porto Rico.

As far as his observation went, Father Sherman says that he found the people of Porto Rico gentle, docile and kind, and that the Spaniards living there rejoice with their Porto Rican friends in the change of sovereignty.

It would seem that a change in the ecclesiastical system was too sudden, causing a kind of paralysis and consternation among a body of men accustomed to lean on the government and find in it their normal means of support.

FOUND FORTUNE IN A TABLE.

Paris Dressmaker Discovers Precious Gems of Great Value in an Old Piece of Furniture.

Mme. Bermeau, who conducts a fashionable dressmaking establishment in the Rue Notre Dame de Lorette, says the Paris correspondent of the St. Louis Republic, having resolved to equip an oriental parlor for her customers, went to the store of a well-known antiquarian for the furniture, selected a number of odd oriental pieces, and after paying the bill ordered them delivered at her apartments.

STUDENTS DEFIED POLICE.

Did Not Like the Repertoire Company and Jeered at the Performance.

A crowd of 400 or 500 students from the state university attended a show at the opera house at Madison, Wis., the other night, where the Deshon Repertoire company is playing a week's engagement, for the purpose of breaking up the show. By yells and catcalls they partially succeeded, when the police started to put the ringleaders out.

TELEPHONES IN THE WORLD.

Of the 1,288,163 Instruments in Use, United States is Credited with More Than Half.

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THEY CAME FROM BRAZIL.

All of the carbons used in making the so-called diamond drills are found in the state of Bahia, Brazil. One weighing 975 karats was found in 1895. It was sold in Paris for 100,000 francs (\$19,300).

WHERE WIVES ARE SOLD CHEAP.

In Africa wives are often sold for two packets of hair pins, and they are sometimes dear at that.

SIBYL SANDERSON'S FUTURE.

Report That She Will Return to the Stage Owing to Changed Financial Circumstances.

If Sibyl Sanderson shall return to the stage, as it has been persistently reported of late she will do, it will not be ambition alone that will impel her.

It seems that she did not permanently improve her financial prospects by marrying Mr. Terry. His fortune, it now turns out, is in the hands of his mother, who has obstinate prejudices.

Sibyl Sanderson's triumphs as a singer have been so great that Parisians are in a measure pleased over her financial disappointment and are looking forward keenly to the day when she will again appear before the footlights.

THOUGHT IT A SEA SERPENT.

New York Fishermen Capture a Dead Snake and Tell a Thrilling Tale.

James O'Connor and Edward Delaney caught a sea serpent in the East river, New York, the other day. They were fishing in a rowboat off Randall's island. According to their story, the sea serpent, with his mouth open, was cruising along. He looked big enough to swallow the boat. When he saw there was to be a fight he seemed greatly irritated, and uttering a number of short, blunt growls, made for the devoted boatmen.

As the sea serpent opened his entire face to take the outfit down O'Connor banged his oar on the head of the hapless thing. The serpent seemed dazed, and with a loud yell, attempted to escape. But the watermen were in the fight to stay, and while one rowed the other whanged the ill-starred creature, giving him a succession of rapid-fire whangs that completely demoralized him, and he lay helpless on the wave.

GIFT LIBRARY FOR KENOSHA.

Z. G. Simmons to Build and Equip a Structure at a Cost of \$100,000.

A library, to cost \$100,000 when completed and filled with books, is to be presented to the city of Kenosha, Wis., by Z. G. Simmons, president of the First national bank, who has already done much for the advancement of the place. The offer was made in a letter to the president of the council.

In his letter Mr. Simmons says that, realizing the many blessings that have come to him and his family during his residence of over half a century in Kenosha, he has decided to build and give to the city a library building of sufficient size to hold more than 30,000 volumes. The structure will be of stone, steel and hard wood, fireproof, and will stand in the city park. He will also place in the building when completed at least 25,000 volumes of well-assorted books, on condition that the library be named "The Gilbert Simmons Library" in memory of his dead son.

The only provision is that the city to accept the library must agree to levy and collect the one-mill tax provided by law on taxable property in the city, this tax fund to be used first in paying the expenses of maintaining the library and in the purchase of additional books.

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