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"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."

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FROM THE PEN OF DR. CYRUS R. TEED (KORESH).

Koreshan Astronomical Facts vs. Absurd Hypotheses.

THE Copernican system of astronomy (built upon an hypothesis) seems to satisfy the minds which will not and cannot think. The Koreshan Astronomy has its foundation on the rock. We have presented an experimental fact, the result of invention, months of careful labor by the Geodetic Staff of the Koreshan Unity, thus furnishing unquestionable proof of the Cellular Cosmogony advocated by the discoverer, for the last nearly thirty years. In view of the fact that the so called scientists declare *"that hypothesis, or guesswork, indeed, lies at the foundation of all scientific knowledge,"* we maintain the right to call a halt, while we declare from positive experiment, which we are willing to repeat in the presence of all the sham scientists in the world, that the only true science is founded upon a demonstrated premise and not upon an assumption, or mere guesswork. We know we are right. We know, as well, that no man can guess at a premise and claim that he knows the conclusion, reasonably; for it is admitted by all scientists that their premises are hypothetical.

It has been said that the man who cannot think is a fool, the man who will not think is a bigot, and the man who dares not think is a coward. It matters not to us what excuses are offered for ignoring us in our challenge to the so called scientific men; not only are we ready to meet them, but more than this, we can show to the people—by methods so simple that all can understand—that we are right

and that the astronomical guessers are wrong, and through the common masses compel the humbug scientists to admit their folly and blundering hypothetical processes.

Schiaparelli can discover seas, and also land covered with canals on Mars. More critical (?) observation can discover that the canals on Mars traverse the seas, and the scientist (?) changes the conclusion of yesterday to an opposite conclusion today. Yesterday he observed seas on Mars, but today what he declared to be water is land, because the Martian contractors have run the canals across what the other scientist (?) declared to be seas or oceans. Now, we ask in all good faith, Is this science (knowledge), or is it guesswork? Are these hypothetical conjurers, scientists or quacks? And we ask, How long must the world be gulled by the sham and nonsense of pretended experts in science?

We are absolutely sure of our ground, and we reiterate, that no man who builds a theory upon the basis of an hypothesis, and who declares that *"hypothesis or guesswork, indeed, lies at the foundation of all scientific knowledge,"* has any reasonable claims to consideration. Guesswork is not science. A statement made by a so called scientist today and contradicted tomorrow, is not science; and yet this is the stuff that has been palmed off as scientific upon a credulous public for hundreds of years, and the men who have the audacity to eject these emanations are dubbed as scientists.

An Adventist's Challenges Answered.

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THE one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed, are one hundred and forty-four thousand sons of God. These are in the throne. They are kings and priests unto God, and constitute the temple of God, in whom are the millions which no man can number. The New Jerusalem, the Holy City which John saw coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband, is the gathered of the twelve tribes—twelve thousand of each; but it is more than this, for in these one hundred and forty and four thousand are gathered the innumerable multitude of all nations, and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues. It would appear that this great multitude which no man could number, did not comprise the twelve tribes; but when we consider that the ten tribes were scattered among all nations, and that the New Jerusalem is merely the aggregation of this universal gathering, we see how the New Jerusalem (twelve thousand of each of the twelve tribes of Israel) becomes the New Jerusalem by being gathered into this spiritual temple from the universal Gentile humanity.

The twelve tribes are already aggregated and are gathered into the New Jerusalem. The world is to be rejuvenated, and the seven churches are to be gathered out of the world through the descent and influx of the descending Jerusalem. This will not be in the typical but in the antitypical Palestine, the antitype being the seven churches; and the seat of this gathering will be in the United States of America.

"And it shall come to pass that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy [we hope Mr. Brown will not contend that this is the present condition of the church, or any part of it], even every one that is written among the living (immortal, all others are dead) in Jerusalem: when the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion [a thing not yet accomplished], and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment [when he comes in judgment, not before], and by the spirit of burning." This is *after* the coming of the Lord as the Branch, at the end of the age.

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a king shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. There has been no judgment, except the devil's judgment, executed in the earth since the devil executed the Lord; and there is no justice, nor has there been any since the declension of the Christian church and its departure into Paganism.

"In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name whereby he shall be called, the Lord our Righteousness." This has no other reference but to the Branch, who comes at the end of the age as Elijah the prophet. Elijah is God the Lord. "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will per-

form that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah." This is at the end of the Christian age. "In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David [the Lord]; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land." We trust that Mr. Brown will not pretend to make it appear that this king is now reigning in the world, and that judgment and righteousness prevail.

We will herewith exposit the third chapter of Zechariah, in which we find a wonderful description of the metamorphosis of Joshua [this is the antitypical Joshua], the High Priest, to the purified Branch. We shall show unmistakably that Joshua (Saviour) is none other than the Lord after his descent into the race, through his fall, and made polluted by taking upon himself the sins of the world.

"And he showed me Joshua [Saviour] the High Priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him." The fact that Satan stands at the right hand, shows that the power of Satan is dominant, and that Joshua is clothed in filthy garments because of the power of Satan. In this description let it be noticed that Joshua (Saviour) is shown: "And the Lord [Joshua's interior] said unto Satan, the Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel."

The Lord Christ was the High Priest. In his Priesthood he descended into the race and took upon himself the sins of the world. At the end of the age he is born of natural parents, born in sin and shapen in iniquity; and this is the condition that he, the Lord, is in when he comes as a thief in the night. "And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, take away the filthy garments [fallacy and evil] from him. And unto him he said, behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. [That is, I will put righteousness upon thee.] And I said, let them set a fair mitre upon his [Joshua's] head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by. And the angel of the Lord protested unto Joshua, saying, thus saith the Lord of hosts; if thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house [none shall judge the house of God but God himself], and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by. Hear now, O Joshua the High Priest, thou and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the Branch."

It does not require very great prescience to discover that this Joshua is the reincarnation of the Lord; after he has become iniquitous through his descent into the

race, and that the Branch here has no other signification than that the offshoot of the Lord is the product of the renovation of the filthy High Priest, Joshua, Saviour.

"For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes." Now let the reader turn to Genesis xlix: 24, to discover the source of this Stone. "But his [Joseph's] bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob: from thence [Joseph] is the shepherd, the stone of Israel."

We would not attempt to prove from the Bible

alone, that God will possess a kingdom in the earth; by the very order of the universe itself, the hells must be subjugated, and the order of government in the world must and will be patterned after the laws of form and function as they obtain in the structure and motions of the alchemico-organic kosmos. Succeeding the Christian age there is not only one age to come, but millions of ages will follow millions of ages, and before another declension of the world there will be six thousand years of golden and glorious Imperialism, with the divine Empress at the head of government.

Red-Hot Opposition to Modern Fallacies.

WE WISH our cotemporaries, friends, and enemies to understand that THE FLAMING SWORD is red-hot, pointed, and two-edged. We intend to call things by their right names, and while we do not intend to mince matters in one way, we purpose to make mince meat of a good many things in another way. If the state is rotten (and everybody knows it is), then we intend to say so, and to say it in plain English. If the church has passed the stage of corruption and is being dissipated through the utter falsification of every principle of truth and good, then we will declare it. We condemn the methods of labor unions as well as of millionaire trusts. Any combination of men, whether it be a railroad trust or a trades' union, that will interfere with the individual liberty of an honest citizen, is obsolete with us.

We have no use for the gold power except so long as we are compelled by force of circumstance to yield to its oppression. The gold power will throttle itself. The government will ultimately control the industries of the nation, and provide for the equitable distribution of industrial accumulation. In this we agree with socialism. On one point, however, we differ radically. We want no social democracy, except as a factor in the Imperialism of the divine Government.

The world cannot wait for an imaginary social evo-

lution to promote the interests of the race. It demands and awaits the divine Afflatus. Revolutionize the heart—the will of men, through an overwhelming influx of spiritual power from the celestial heavens. This alone can save the race and meet its wants. A perfect united life will not precede this baptism, nor will the baptism come prior to united effort.

The harvest of this age will follow the order prescribed in Scripture. The reapers will be sent out to gather the tares for the purpose of binding them into bundles to be burned. Where are the tares, and where is the wheat? Tares and wheat will be found in every person, and the tares cannot be separated from the wheat until the harvest, otherwise the wheat would be destroyed. This, then, is the process: the angels will gather the tares into groups—communistic societies. This gathering into bundles will prepare for the generation of the spiritual fire that will cause the great electromagnetic conflagration that will burn these bundles and reduce them to ashes. Out of this conflagration will arise, phoenix-like, the sons of God. So we warn the people to be gathered into the conflagration, that the dross may be consumed and the sons of God matured as the ripened wheat of the golden harvest of the Koreshan Age.

The Only Advocate of the Science of Immortality.

THE FLAMING SWORD is the only publication that teaches the science of immortal life. Immortality will come in this world, to those now existing, and to the body. It will be a change from corruptibility to incorruptibility, from mortality to immortality. It will not come by any possibility inherent with any person independently of a baptism through God's Mediator. Any person teaching that immortality is an inherent possibility by any process not dependent upon Elijah the prophet, is a falsifier. God the Lord comes personally to inaugurate the scientific disclosure and application of the principles through which the conarium will be extirpated by mental force.

The conarium of the brain (the pineal gland) will be

extirpated, thereby changing the circulation of the blood so that the blood will become white, with air circulating in the arteries and water in the veins, and instead of the serum of the ventricles passing down through the glandula vita into the circular sinus and thence to the heart, there will be a suction of the vascular system from the body through the glandula vita upward. This will be a literal and physiological confirmation of the Scripture declaration: "It shall be a well of water springing up into everlasting life." This will all be brought about through the knowledge of one mind, the only mind possessing the knowledge of the science of immortal life.

We repeat, THE FLAMING SWORD is the only publication presenting to the world the science of the immortality of the body.

Minor Indications of the Spirit of Antichrist Now Extant.

THE Bible teaches unequivocally that God is man, and that man is God. "And the Gods said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness." The Gods said, let us make man like ourselves—and they accomplished the work. The Lord Jesus was the express image of God's person. He was the Lord God. Whatsoever spirit denies this is Antichrist. We are making a fight on this point.

We believe in the facts of the phenomena of spiritualism. We know also that nine tenths of what passes for spiritualistic phenomena are fraudulent;—that nine tenths of the so called mediums are rank humbugs, and that nine tenths of all spiritualists are opposed to the Messianic idea of the Lord. So we say broadly, that modern spiritualism is antichristian. It is one of the outgrowths of the modern church which is also antichristian. The church in its present condition is one of the plagues of Egypt; the politician is another plague. This last is the plague of frogs. Frogs croak, hence the leading power in New York politics is Croker. The name is suggestive in the order of events, because the people must have forcible reminders to have the

principle of suggestion operate well. The bondholder is another plague. We know how the plagues operated as related to the children of Israel, and we are now coming to the antitype. The golden calf is in process of shaping, and Moses is coming down from the mountain, whence he will administer the gold cure—as he did to the Israelites. The money power needs the gold cure, and is going to get it. The readers of THE SWORD will please charge their memories with this prophecy; in other words, don't forget it.

It is hard for a hypnotized man to wake up. The people are hypnotized with the idea that the millionaire, by whom the government is run, is the poor man's friend. They will wake up by and by, and when they do, they will be as much surprised as was Rip Van Winkle, and the millionaire will have some surprises also. If God's word is good for anything,—and it is in perfect agreement with the signs of the times,—then there is a "hot time" coming for those who rob the poor and oppress the "hiring" in his wages. The mills of the gods seem to grind slowly, but they do *grind*, thank God!

CONTRIBUTORS' AND EDITOR'S DEPARTMENTS.

The Passing of the Year 1897.

BY PROF. U. G. MORROW.

THE year 1897 is at its close! We do not mourn its passing; there is nothing intrinsically valuable in time that we should desire it to stop its stream. We would rather ask to have time accelerated, with a corresponding acceleration of all the forces of the physical and mental realms. We shed no tears because 1897 is about to bid us farewell—we do not love it enough for that; but its records compel us to darken our picture with some expressions of regret.

Let us review the past year. It has been seen, by thousands of different kinds of eyes, and it presents a different aspect to each observer. The year has been good or bad according to the character of our aspirations. For those who are seeking money by burglary and robbery, it has not been a good year if the police have interfered with their plans. For those who are endeavoring to steal millions from the labor of the poor working classes, it has not been a good year, if the usual receipts from gigantic and fraudulent transactions are not forthcoming. It has really been a good year for those only who have done their duty regardless of circumstances or consequences. It has been a bad year for thousands who have been forced into poverty because of the damnable competitive system and the greed of the millionaire.

1897 has been truly a great year, full of ominous

signs that the great ageical hour-glass will soon be inverted; for the sands of life are running low. A new century is about to begin—a new dispensation, a new world; and all things are hastening towards the end. Accompanying the progress of good and of truth, are the rapid strides of fallacy pressing along the columns of the mighty procession. Some of the great things that the popular mind conceives as having been accomplished, are but strange and striking manifestations of satanic ingenuity.

What has been done? Fifteen representative Chicagoans sum up the achievements of the year. There is nothing new in the modern church—the same old sordid, sluggish march, with the same sucking leeches fastened upon human society. What briskness there was about churchianity during the year, has been continued and increased division and disintegration. The \$500,000 Bradley-Martin ball, the great Queen's Jubilee, involving the expenditure of over a million dollars, manifested the persistent disregard of the wealthy for the welfare of the world. We hear the nations preparing for war; we hear the beating of the armor plates, the rattle of machinery in the manufacture of fire-arms. We hear the marching of armies in dress parade and upon the battle field, the booming of the cannon, and the swish of the sword, saber, and simitar; we see the concert of

powers toward the overthrow of the Chinese dynasty, and hear the accompanying clanking of the chains of the prisoners of war. The Cuban war, with the blood of patriots shed through Spanish treachery and atrocity, the continued Armenian massacres, the murder of the Hazleton miners, demonstrate the utter lack of the brotherhood of man. These are a few of our regrets.

In the field of science we find some remarkable developments—the invention of the photomicrograph, telegraphing without wires, the vacuum tube for the transmission of electricity, the completion of the Yerkes observatory, the overthrow of the so-called science of chemistry through the successful manufacture of gold, and other achievements which the world declared impossible a quarter of a century ago. Prof. Burnham announces that nothing whatever of special or public interest has taken place on the lines of astronomy; the old astronomy is dying, never to be revived. The little fitful spells in orthodox astronomy are becoming less frequent, and will soon cease altogether. It goes into oblivion with its friend and companion of the dark ages—the modern church. The real progress in science is made by men outside the ranks of the orthodox and popular so-called science.

What do we find in the field of reform? Great schemes for colonization that are wholly impracticable. Efforts have been put forth the past year in the interest of reform, by men who have had more ambition than knowledge; the social democracy and the Booth-Tucker colonization scheme are examples. Scores of small colonies that have been projected in the past, ceased to exist during the year, and some others are rapidly reaching their limits. What is being done for reform? We desire the world's so-called reformers to do their best that they might prove to themselves that they can do just what they have done in the past—*nothing!* They cannot obtain the elements of success; we have them monopolized.

What has Koreshanity accomplished during the

past year? More than ever before; our progress has been genuine and practical. We have placed upon record one of the greatest events of the age—an event that will be known long after the so-called achievements of the century have been forgotten. Standing out even now amid the pictures of events crowded in the distant perspective which the other end of the year compels, is the remarkable scientific achievement in the demonstration of the most important and startling discovery of the entire age. The western shore of Florida, south of San Estero, with the accompanying concave arc of the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, yielded its testimony in corroboration of the scientific discoveries of KORESH. As a result, the daily papers of the world carried the testimony to hundreds of thousands! The Koreshan System is marching steadily forward, and today its people are more zealous and its affairs in better condition than ever before. Many new converts have been made during the year, and many lines of fallacy have been broken down by the bold strokes of THE FLAMING SWORD. Notable among the lines of progress of the Koreshan System, is the publication of the weekly FLAMING SWORD; this is not without profound significance; it means a new warfare.

As the old year is gathering its shades for departure, the Koreshan propaganda gathers newer and more encouraging impetus. It is gaining a hold upon the world that hitherto has not been possible. The passing of the old year witnesses the progress of the promulgation of the Science of KORESH, and the new year necessarily begins under the impetus of the mighty forces of genuine reform. The curtain drops to divide the old from the new. Janus looks backward and forward; we have given a few of his retrospective views. He sees also the year to come, full of activity in Koreshanity in its progress toward structured success, as well as the continued defeat of modern science, the modern church, and the modern competitive system, with their corrupt institutions nearing complete destruction.

A Vision of the Christmas Yet to Be.

BY LUCIE PAGE BORDEN.

"IT IS TRUE," cried Edith, throwing down the evening paper with its enticing list of holiday bargains and soliloquizing vehemently to relieve her stress of thought. "Christmas is a degenerate humbug, as the editor says. I shall soon be ready to wish with old Scrooge, that every idiot who goes about with Merry Christmas on his lips, should be boiled with his own pudding and buried with a stake of holly run through his heart! It is nothing but worry and vexation from the beginning, when you rack your brains to make five dollars do duty for twenty-five, to the bitter end, when you send off your poor little offerings with an uneasy consciousness that they will be estimated in dollars and cents, not love. How that odious Mrs. Maxwell laughed over her presents last year! I can see her now, holding

them up, one after another, and commenting on the donors' lack of generosity. 'Here is a plaque from one of my best friends: it cost her the immense sum of seventy-five cents. I saw dozens of them on the counters. She is a rich widow worth at least half a million! This twenty-five-cent necktie is from Angy. When she married I gave her an onyx and gold clock that cost a hundred dollars. She has more money than she can spend!' So she ran on while I vowed mentally, never to send another Christmas gift.

"And then those shops! Crammed with everything beautiful and desirable, but all going to the wrong persons! I wish the time would come when unto him that hath, it shall *not* be given. I wish the Christmas cheer and mirth did not ring so hollow. Think of the awful,

reckless extravagance, and then read the papers!"

She turned again to the columns of the daily which portrayed in vivid colors the distress prevalent among workmen; unable to keep soul and body together on the miserable pittance doled out by their employers, they had struck for higher wages.

Here, flaming headlines heralded a suicide. "Discouraged and out of work," was the verdict,—too commonplace to excite surprise or comment. Closely following, appeared an item relative to the trust just forming, another gigantic combination of capital designed to ruin thousands of small dealers throughout the country.

"What a satire, one of our modern newspapers with its record of poverty, brutality, and crime, is upon the good tidings of great joy!" thought Edith as in searching for an article she was reading, the shocking details of the latest murder caught her eye. On the opposite page, appeared the account sought, with the following heading: "Christma Day for Two." "Millionaire Entertains Guests Whose Fortunes Sum Up \$400,000,000." "Another Man Dies From Want." "Famished Wretches Starve and Freeze While Croesus Dines." It was a harrowing story, showing the startling contrasts of this strange, mad, chaotic, inconsistent civilization of ours that we call "Christian" with inward protest, ready to apologize for the adjective ere it pass the lips.

"Well!" exclaimed Edith mentally, as she shuddered at the fate of the starving wretch who crept under a church porch to perish miserably, a curse frozen on his dead lips, while the joy bells were ringing on Christmas eve, "I am a member of the Congregational church, in good and regular standing, but I confess I am ready to agree with the agnostics if the present status of society indicates all the religion of Christ can do for the world after two thousand years of preaching and praying, it must be called a failure. The brotherhood of man is a farce, and the angels made a great mistake in singing Peace on earth, Good will to men! If the Savior's birth was intended to usher in the reign of universal love, Christmas 1897 ought to dawn upon a very different state of affairs. Oh! I wish I knew what it all means! I wish I could pierce the future!"

She sat long by the fireside, musing sadly, until wearied by thought, she slept. A joyous burst of Christmas music, rich and full as if many voices united in the glad strain, floated through the room. Awakened by the melody, Edith looked up to see a radiant figure at her side,—not with bent form and hoary locks like the traditional Christmas saint, but glowing with youth and beauty, the incarnation of glorious life in strong, pulsating fulness.

"Who is it?" she cried in wonder.

"I am the spirit of Christmas Yet To Be," replied the other with a beaming glance; "I represent the new age just dawning in the weary old earth,—the Koreshan

age, when from the seed planted two centuries ago, the Lord of the Harvest will gather golden fruit fairer than any the famed Hesperides could ripen. Desire is mighty and has prevailed to open the gates of the future. For a brief space, gaze upon the new earth."

The Christmas spirit vanished, and Edith suddenly found herself in the midst of an eager throng hastening toward a magnificent edifice of snowy marble, whose pure outlines defined against the blue sky, were mirrored in the limpid waters of a crystal stream below. No sun was visible, but an indescribably soft, mellow glow, as of Tennyson's poetic clime where it was always afternoon, pervaded the scene. A great city lay before her, like a dream of beauty; glittering domes, towers, and minarets surmounting structures of purest marble were bathed in the golden light.

A marvelous sense of peace and gladness, of recreation and renewal possessed her; she felt like a grieved child soothed and comforted with ineffable tenderness. In the faces of those about her, she saw reflected heavenly calm; not one was furrowed by care and pain or showed in haggard lines the tokens of hidden sorrow. Music flooding the air with melodies incomparably sweet, floated out from the beautiful structure whither all steps tended, and fragments of speech from happy lips, hinted at some unusual festivity.

A sudden thought struck her; at the great temple of song, doubtless the price of admission was heavy, and such enjoyments, Edith with her slender purse, was wont to forego. But even as the thought crossed her mind, bringing sorrow, one passing, turned and said:

"I perceive from the vibrations of your thought that it still clings to the old time, some spirit of which yet lingers about you. Know that to us who have entered into the glorious unfoldment of the new, all the delights of art are free as air. Our musicians never labor for price nor reward; nor while they did so, could they strike the diapason of joy."

"Why, this must be heaven!" cried Edith in amazement.

"Not heaven, but the will of God in earth," replied the stranger earnestly. "The oratorio today celebrates the advent of universal concord. Its swelling harmonies justly symbolize the United Life of Love. Go abroad in our land and you will find men everywhere with changed hearts, vying with each other to promote the common good. There are no prisons, no saloons, no millionaires, and no tramps. But come and listen to the grand chorus. Through music you will enter into full comprehension of truth."

As she sat with the vast multitude whose souls blended in the mighty anthem, Edith's mind rose to a conception of human destiny so glorious, that when she found herself once more by the fire in her little room, she could only exclaim with tears of joy: "Oh! God, thy kingdom shall indeed come, and thy will be done in earth, and that right speedily."



Dispensations terminate regularly and at these terminations come revolutions in religious, social, and

political structures and relations, in which old forms pass away and new ones are instituted.

Caustic Criticisms of Popular Opinions.

BY AMANDA T. POTTER.

The chief difference between many convicted of crime and others who are reputed upright citizens, is more a difference of temptation than a real difference of character. Many deemed fallen would be deemed upright today if their temptations had been less powerful, and many regarded the substantial citizens of their communities, most likely would be stamped criminals had they been tempted as such convict brothers have.

SO FAR AS it goes, the above is a truthful view of criminality and respectability. At this time—the close of the iron age of the iron age—all humanity is “tarred with the same stick,” and the openly licensed and even applauded criminality is the greater, while the incarcerated is the lesser quantity. Low dives flourish under the protection of the majesty of the law, and the violent inebriate meets alone the score which should at least be shared by him who assumed the responsibility of producing irresponsibility. Competism piles up its millions to the temptation of the starving homeless, and the atrocious promoters of schemes to absorb other men's substance, are permitted in a “Christian land” to build monuments to their memories in the form of donations dubbed charities.

The Rev. Dr. James F. Farrar of Brooklyn has relinquished a six-thousand-dollar salary to give an un-rewarded service to the ministry. “I hope [he says] to enter a field where no one can impugn the motives of a minister because of the money he receives.” In the report of the resignation of his pastorate, the Rev. Farrar accords himself no higher motive than catering to the opinions of men. It may seem uncharitable, but we opine that the man unconsciously spoke his animus, for we cannot expect the incentives which actuated the ministering spirit of the early Christian time to move the heart of a race fallen away from the divine concept. Impure humanity will never practise a pure principle—first, a cleansed fountain, then a pure stream.

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IF any man wishes to feel the pulse of the Administration, it may be found in the radial artery of the Administration wrist—Secretary Gage. It is the pulse of Lombard st. The government (?) at Washington is struggling between its pledges publicly made to the people, and the pledges secretly made to the money power. It does not require the prescience of a prophet to predict the direction to be taken by the present control. We are in the hands and at the mercy of the bondholder, a grip to be tightened beyond endurance, when there will culminate the greatest struggle the world has ever experienced. This is inevitable. The people chosen of God to become the head of the Theocratic Empire are being forewarned of the imminent cataclysm, and at the right time and in the right place they will be gathered while the indignation is overpassing. “Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”

The wisdom of a Solomon was the subpoena of the witness of love which decided the maternity of the child in dispute; but the lack-wisdom plea will not answer for a perpetual scape goat for the nefarious procedure of those tribunals called courts of justice. When the supreme desire of men is the possession of wisdom for its righteous use, the attainment will be commensurate with such desire, even to the fulness of a Solomon.

The primary step in litigation is of itself a boldly-defined defiance of not only justice, but of decency. We instance the retainer's fee which subscribes the recipient to the interests of his client. Litigants become instant competitors for the ablest service, and with seldom exception the swiftest becomes the mold of the coveted counsel's conviction of righteousness as involved in the case at hand.

With the manufacture of the yellow metal assured, the “murder will out” tendency will multiply the establishments where the god of our own and all other nations is manufactured, and where one expert counterfeiter now plies his calling, thousands will make and set the coin afloat without that fear of detection which accompanies the use of the spurious article.

In view of human rapacity, one experiences a contentment in the unfeasibility of the attempt of any man or men “to control the entire output of gold”—the word gold implying the addition of the stamp which constitutes it money.

What cries louder to heaven for vengeance and adjustment than the practices of men who for hire indiscriminately advocate deeds and causes as being good or evil? “Woe unto you also, ye lawyers.”

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THERE has been a great deal of talk concerning the execution of Ruiz by the Cuban insurgents under Colonel Aranguren. We venture the assertion that there were reasons for his execution beyond and underlying the public knowledge of the affair. According to the most reliable reports, the civil war on the part of the insurgents has been conducted upon the basis of as civilized methods as those of the inquisitorial Spaniards, in their efforts to exterminate the native Cubans. The last two administrations have been so absolutely under the dominion of Wall and Lombard streets and so in collusion with the great monopolistic daily press of the country, that it is not surprising that even at this late day administration sympathizers throughout the country should cool in their ardor for the liberation of the downtrodden island.

God will finally reveal himself through human understanding as the product of an enlightened reason.

In the Editorial Perspective.

WOULD Jesus the Christ acknowledge the United States to be a Christian nation, if he were here today? Would He endorse the competitive system of commerce? Would He praise the charitable institutions, the colleges and universities of the country, and acknowledge the church as his own? Obviously, no! The modern church assumes that He would, but if we know anything about his character, we suggest that he would institute one of the most radical and widespread revolutions in every department of human thought and affairs that the world has ever seen! Think of his entering the universities and teaching the Copernican system of astronomy, chemistry, and the stuff called physics; of his entering the divided pulpits and preaching the puerile interpretations of the Bible, that weekly reach the pews; of his endorsing the social schemes, the labor exchange, the social democracy, the Christian socialism—do you think that he would endorse all these? He would teach the opposite of all that is false. Koreshanism is the absolute antithesis of all modern theories, and demonstrates its premise. Does this mean anything?

Freedom makes the assertion that it is the only paper in the world that openly declares man's ability to overcome death right here in this world, and asks its new readers if they want to learn something of the newly-discovered power vested in man which fits him for the stupendous conquest, to continue to read the paper. We desire to emphatically call attention to the fact that *Freedom* is now in its fifth volume, while *THE FLAMING SWORD* is in its twelfth. From the first number *THE FLAMING SWORD* has taught the science of immortality and laws of the attainment of the immortal state right here in the flesh. The Founder of Koreshanism made the discovery of these laws over twenty-seven years ago, and has ever since persistently taught the same in all his publications. The editor of *Freedom* has known of the existence of the Koreshan System for the past ten years, and gets whatever concepts she has of such a possibility from the Originator of Koreshan Science. She has made no discovery; borrowed and perverted doctrine is as near to genuine discovery as she is able to come. What has *Freedom* to say in reply to this?

Prof. Gates, of Washington, after experimenting with the new photomicrograph, concludes that each cell of the human body has a mind of its own. He reaches a magnifying power of a million diameters, making a single blood corpuscle appear to be fifty feet in diameter. He will not only find a mind in each cell, but also a little universe, with all the activities of the great macrocosmic form in which we live. What does this discovery signify? Why should we refer to it specifically? Because KORESH made the discovery twenty-seven years ago, and has written for years concerning it. Do you believe it—shall we produce photographic etchings of pages of Koreshan literature in order to substantiate the claims? Of course, until now the idea of mind in the cells of the body was absurd; now it is scientific! All the conclusions of Koreshan Science are profoundly scientific and startlingly true.

Christmas! What is Christmas good for? Eighteen Chicago "divines" have expressed their opinions of its value to the human race, and according to their views it is certainly a day of magical and marvelous influence. They consider it a good day to think about—a day for general cultivation of brotherly love and receptivity to gentle impulses. The trouble with the modern churches is, that they reserve this day for such purpose, and devote other days to things less noble, and consequently they make a miserable failure of it when Christmas comes. The old

Christmas is worn out; the world needs a new one. There is always something wrong about a thing that everybody likes. When a thing becomes popular it is perverted. We would like to get up a new Christmas—a Christmas that the thousands of misguided and conceited clergymen would despise.

Which is right, socialism or communism? Socialists and Communists are fighting over the matter quite warmly; they are opposed to each other—that is, the factions of so called socialism and communism. Socialists want to hold private property, while the Communists forbid it; and they do not see any way to harmonize the seemingly good arguments in favor of both. Can you harmonize them? The system of genuine reform is both socialistic and communistic—and we know what the words mean, too. The central order of the Koreshan System is communistic, while the outer order is socialistic and co-operative, where private property is held. Why have not social reformers thought of that before?

Prof. Parsons has been engaged in making estimates of waste in the United States. The drummers' expenses and salaries, \$2,000,000,000; advertising, \$2,000,000,000; gambling, lobbying, and fraudulent employments, over \$2,000,000,000; law-suits and other expenses due to the existence of crime, over \$2,000,000,000; the liquor traffic and its consequences, several billions, besides other billions of waste due to other causes existing in the competitive system. Who pays for all this waste? The consumers,—and the majority of these are the workmen. What a cost imposed upon the workman for a mere semblance of the use of the products of his labor!

China is being disturbed by the pious advances of the "Christian nations." The Korean bay and Yellow sea witness naval maneuvers—all because China has territory which the powers desire to possess by "divine right." The only way in which they can obtain such a right to the coveted territory is to deal a severe blow to the dynasty which has been running a few thousand years under the supervision of "heathen kings." France wants South China, Russia the north territory, while the middle country is desired by England, Italy, and Japan. The trouble is now called the "crisis in the East."

A writer, rather reckless in his statements, concludes that if the Christ were in the flesh in modern Europe or America, he would have to "work miracles in sound in order to reach all of the half million or more who would daily seek his voice." He would have to apply every means that ingenuity or divine wisdom could suggest to prove to a skeptical world that he is the Christ, and then millions would ignore his proof! There are thousands of people who cannot comprehend so simple a thing as the demonstration of the truth of the premise of the Koreshan Astronomy, the fact of the earth's concave curvature!

Astronomer Flammarion purposes applying the cinematograph in the field of astronomical research. He wants to show astronomical students that the sun, moon, and stars move; and with the new apparatus, he can, with the kaleidoscopic, kinetoscopic photographs, show the direction of their movements on any clear night. If such pictures under the prevailing fallacies of universal form will do the world any good, they will surpass in utility anything that has been projected in the line of popular astronomy for hundreds of years.

The great globe for the Paris exposition is now nearing completion; it will be eighty-four feet in diameter, finished in colors and up-to-date maps on its convex surface. This is in-

significant and foolish; there is no such an earth; and in order to eclipse the fallacy, we have demonstrated that the map surface of the earth is concave, and we purpose making a globe 300 feet in diameter, with the solar, stellar, and lunar systems on the inside, in their true relations. This would be something valuable for future generations.

A modern school of advanced thought now invests luminiferous ether with intelligence, and thus locates God in an alchemico-organic substance instead of in the organo-vital; in other words, luminiferous ether is God, omnipresent and infinite. No mind having the slightest knowledge of the laws of being has ever reached such a conclusion. It is the result of a labored effort of ignorance to appear scientific. It is the joint product of modern theology and modern astronomy.

Some of the most unfavorable locations become scenes of the greatest commercial activities. Sixty years ago, the Chicago river drained fifty square miles of swamp land; today upon this territory is founded a city with nearly two million inhabitants. The great American Desert now produces enormous crops, and barren places are becoming fertile. The Everglades of Florida when scientifically drained, will be a great agricultural district, and San Estero, fifty years hence, will be the greatest city in the world!

In union there is strength—in the labor union there is strength enough to boycott goods not produced by the members of organizations. "Don't buy bread from your grocer unless the loaf bears the fac-simile of this label," is the language of an advertisement of a union product. This is the poorest kind of an excuse in the world of competition—the worst kind of competition, because it offers no other reason than that the goods have a label on it.

Wisdom never asks questions. We do not mean by this that if you do not ask questions you have wisdom. We do not desire to have people appear to be what they are not. We have found that when nobody knows, nearly everybody pretends to be wise, and to have good judgment—but they have nothing but an ignorant and competitive sort of knowledge.

Chemistry holds that an atom of matter is unchangeable; Koreshan Alchemy teaches that matter is destructible and convertible to energy. The principles are opposites—one must be fallacy and the other truth. The manufacture of gold demonstrates the truth of Koreshan Science, and corroborates the discoveries of KORESH in 1870.

Some people imagine that all that is necessary to bring about reform is to have laws enacted and placed upon the statute books. At the present time, it is one of the best methods of killing a reform—it places the enforcement of law in the hands of the very men who desire to obstruct reform movements.

Competition is the only thing that satisfies the "every-man-for-himself" spirit. Co-operation will not be a success until man becomes content to work for the neighbor's interest, as well as for his own. Before this is possible, new loves must be substituted for the passions and greed of humanity.

Some people have no higher moral code than the municipal, state, and national laws. A man can obey every law on the statute books and yet be a contemptible, impolite, greedy, and sensual cur. There are higher laws than laws of a corrupt state.

The Alchemy of Koreshan Science is not the alchemy of the mediaeval ages. There is as much difference between them as there is between the science of natural existence and the fallacious concepts of occultism and metaphysics.

Quiet Talks with the Editors of our Exchanges.

WE DO NOT believe in the popular kind of journalism, because that kind has lost its freedom of speech, if it ever had any. At one time the press of the world molded public opinion—it was then an element of progress; now the popular paper claims to be only a reflection of society—no matter how *bad* it is;—this is because it has ceased to be an instrument of education and of reform. It indicates that there is no desire on the part of the newspaper fraternity to change the conditions in which they find themselves and in which they can make money. The daily papers and the so called great weeklies belong in this category. The reform papers have gotten out of such ruts a little, but we find some stopping just where it becomes *easy* for them. It is just as bad to form new ruts and stick in them as it is to remain in the old ones. The question is, How far in reform will the "reform" press go? We are not asking this of our readers, nor of any one's else readers, but of the editors themselves—have you stopped progressing? We mean by this, are you going to branch out on other lines of reform than those you are endeavoring

to work out at present? The Koreshan System involves *more* lines of reform than you are advocating. You consider that you have been lucky to stumble on to what ideas you have; but have you considered the import of the fact that the principles of the Koreshan System are scientific discoveries, and not mere conclusions without a premise?

Did you ever feel afraid that a thing would turn out to be true? Modern scientists are fearful that their foundation will be shattered by some genius who may succeed in discovering some scientific dynamite. Pretty risky, the attitude of the modern astronomer, for instance. He would rather it would turn out that his guess was right. No guess is worthy of coming true—not even yours; and as to ours, we have none! You have a theory of reform, or of religion, or of science—where did you get it? Guess at it? Now, we are after just such editors as that, and if you don't run, or have a better sword than ours, you are going to feel a severe thrust somewhere! We are just now giving it away—we have started this department just to get somebody to try our blade on!

Ever blame anybody for being skittish and shy when you wanted to present a new idea to them? It is really provoking sometimes, to have a good thing and have a lot of ignorant people call you a fool for it, or ignore you altogether. That's between you and your readers now, and your acquaintances. We know what your opinion of such people is! Now, instance another thing—that's between THE FLAMING SWORD and the editors of its exchanges. Some editors seem to know that we have a good thing, and are not afraid to say so, but some others do not seem to have found it out yet; but we have them on probation, and will give them another chance!

Some papers are not published for money, but just to keep the editors busy—that is, if we may judge from the results; some editors are kept very busy, but get no money. This is very disappointing, if money is the sole incentive, but encouraging where principles of genuine reform are at stake—especially if the other editors go without funds; it would encourage us a great deal if a good many papers received no income. There are too

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many papers of the wrong kind, and not enough of those that are worthy of support. No paper advocating fallacy is worth the snapping of your finger!

We are pleased with the treatment we are receiving from the reform press. We strike hands with you all heartily, and give you a fraternal greeting, a friendly smile of recognition, and extend to you the best compliments of the season. We may know each other better at the close of the coming year. There are many things in the world that neither you nor we like, and we can fight some common battles with the enemies of liberty. We extend to you our blessing, while we hold up for you the blazing FLAMING SWORD to light you on your way!

WANTED:—An effective method of inducing somebody to undertake to refute the Koreshan Astronomy. Every man ought to be able to work out his own plans, and if you have a plan of attacking an impregnable wall of scientific evidence, we would like to have you begin at once. We have been looking for amusement of this kind for a long time. If you don't like that, perhaps a genuine gladiatorial combat would suit many of our readers and some of yours. We are all looking for things to please and benefit our readers.

It requires more real merit to obtain the truth, and more courage to present it in the columns of your paper, than it does to obtain a modern education and to appear to be classical. A good many editors write as though they had just merged from the country school-room—their productions are so artificial! Be natural; to be otherwise is to be hypocritical.

We are up in the tricks of the popular editor's stock in trade, and it's bad stock. We merely want you to know that we know what they are! We prefer backbone to tricks. The little pet policies of papers are nothing but child's toys, and belong to editors who have as much backbone as a jelly-fish. Truth can only be allied with strict integrity.

There can be but one system of demonstrated truth. Either that system is yours, or ours, or some one's else, if it is at all, you must admit. Are you sure it is yours? If so, can you prove it? The Koreshan System has been demonstrated, and all we ask you to do is to investigate the facts of its demonstration. Are you willing to do so?

The *People's Press* contains two of our editorials without credit in its original editorial department. That is not quite

according to newspaper etiquette, you know, and we believe that if we were to print an editorial from the *Press* without credit it would be sure to say something about it!

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In the December 23d *Leaflet*, of Ironton, Ohio, we find reprinted five editorial paragraphs from THE FLAMING SWORD—radical ones, too,—two of them concerning the Cellular Cosmogony. During the progress of the Koreshan Geodetic Survey the *Leaflet* contained three long articles concerning the work and its results. The number now referred to contained, in addition to the quotations, the following favorable comment on THE FLAMING SWORD:

THE FLAMING SWORD, the organ of the Koreshan Unity, has recently been changed from a monthly periodical to a weekly. Its appearance is much improved. Prof. U. G. Morrow, chief engineer of the notable Geodetic Survey on the Gulf coast of Florida, some months since, is editor-in-chief. The periodical is now issued from 6308 Wentworth avenue, Chicago.

The Swaburg (Nebr.) *Citizen's* motto is: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity." This is a good motto, and places its editor in a favorable attitude toward THE FLAMING SWORD, and causes him to quote a red-hot editorial from this journal, and to give us a favorable notice. His sentiments concerning THE FLAMING SWORD appear in his December issue, just at hand:

THE FLAMING SWORD, published at Chicago, takes a place peculiarly its own among our many exchanges. We find in it much that is instructive and interesting, notwithstanding the very sharp criticisms made, by some, of Koresh and his methods. We say with Gamaliel, "If this work be of men it will come to naught; but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it."

The *Jeffersonian*, Faribault, Minn., volunteers the following comment on THE FLAMING SWORD, and also quotes two of our editorials. The *Jeffersonian* is not afraid to declare its sentiments; this is one of its claims that it backs up in more ways than one:

The greatest scientific, religious, and social reform journal in existence, THE FLAMING SWORD, published by The Guiding Star Publishing House, at 6308 Wentworth Ave., Chicago, Ill., has reached our table. It has recently been changed from a monthly to a weekly publication, handles all questions without gloves, is clear, logical, and convincing. Price, \$1.00 per year.

THE FLAMING SWORD, Chicago, Ill., is now out in weekly form. It is the advocate of a concave theory and also claims to outline a new religious dispensation. It certainly deals the Copernican

astronomy some staggering blows, and it should be remembered that this commonly accepted Copernican theory is based altogether upon hypotheses.—*Equity*, Santa Barbara, Cal.

THE FLAMING SWORD, now published weekly, \$1, is the most earnest, wide-awake journal we know of. Its editors are not ashamed of their Koreshanity, but maintain it with a vim and energy worthy of emulation by others who pooh at them. Address, 6308 Wentworth Av., Chicago, Ill.—*The Spirit of Truth*, Hot Springs, Ark.

THE FLAMING SWORD, 6308 Wentworth avenue, Chicago, Ill., weekly, \$1.00 per year. Exponent of Social Theocracy and the Koreshan System of Cosmogony and Astronomy, a new conception of the earth's structure.—*New Dispensation*, Corvallis, Ore.

THE FLAMING SWORD is published by Dr. Cyrus R. Teed, the Founder of Koreshanity. It is a sixteen-page social and scientific weekly, and in its new dress is a beautiful paper.—*Manifesto*, East Canterbury, N. H.

Interrogation Points and Encouraging Words.

We have a number of questions to answer in coming issues. A great many queries are necessarily brought out by Koreshan Astronomy; some objections are common with all new investigators. We have covered the ground many times in the past, especially in the past year, in a series of articles in THE FLAMING SWORD, answering all the usual objections against the Cellular Cosmogony. We gave one complete and satisfactory answer to all objections—an answer that is irrefutable; the demonstration of the earth's concavity by actual and accurate geodetic survey. We are publishing the facts of this demonstration—some of them having already appeared in THE FLAMING SWORD in our reports from the field of survey and experimentation.

The test of Koreshan Astronomy is not according to the old methods. Every system of astronomy that has ever been put forth in the world, has explained, apparently satisfactory at the time, all the usual phenomena of the heavens—day and night, the change of seasons, movements of the sun, moon, planets, etc. Do not consider the Founder of the Koreshan System and his followers so devoid of good sense as to undertake to revolutionize the scientific world, without having considered all the usual objections that any school-boy can think of! We meet all objections and so called arguments at the pivot, upon which the entire matter depends—the earth's curving surface. If it be admitted that the earth's surface is

concave, and that this claim is actually demonstrated, do you not know that all the phenomena of the universe must be explained in accordance with that demonstrated premise? Do not attempt to explain them for us, for we know our premise and our lesson already! A few days' study of our presentation of astronomy cannot admit of your seeing as much as those who have been at the business for years, meeting all kinds of objections and every conceivable argument against the Koreshan astronomical premise and conclusions. Do not get "rattled" nor unduly disturbed because we are teaching something contrary to what is generally accepted; neither cast it all aside because you cannot see at once how we explain some points of cosmic phenomena; we explain everything from a directly opposite standpoint from the old systems. Ascertain what is a popular opinion or conclusion, in religion, science, or sociology—or any other department of human thought; and if you know how to reach the opposite conclusion, why, that is ours. We are always ready for your questions or objections or criticisms.

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The Flaming Sword Warmly Welcomed.

Allow me, please, to say that I have just finished reading THE FLAMING SWORD and it does seem to me that it would be impossible to receive another weekly that would contain so much eternal truth as this one, and yet when I realize from what source it comes, I am obliged to say that it will grow more and more interesting and wonderful. Everything else fades into insignificance when compared to the writings of KORESH and his immediate followers. Koreshanity has won my heart, and I believe that all the declaration of the prophets and apostles will be fulfilled in Koreshanity.—F. S. R., Lynn, Mass.

I like the new dress in which THE SWORD appears, also the arrangement of news and the general get-up; there is much in it that is interesting, and it bids fair to be more so. The goldbugs need all you can give them. I am no lover of money for its own sake, and would be glad to be quit of it could such a desirable condition of things be brought about. I am also satisfied that socialism without Christ is of no use. I believe in the Christian Socialism as set forth in the Acts of the Apostles.—W. F. G. A., Parry Harbor, Ont., Canada.

I have received a number of small books and pamphlets from your office, and have read four or five of them at one sitting. I take them as a sponge takes water. I have received three numbers of the weekly FLAMING SWORD. It's a genuine paper. I favor it because it presents the doctrine of the Word manifested in the third degree, which was not so before except in the life of Jesus the Christ. In other respects, too, THE FLAMING SWORD is without a parallel in the civilized world. Men and women of the only great journal, I can say amen, while you say, God bless us.—O. W., Denver, Colo.

The weekly is a grand paper, and I hope it will be sustained. I want to thank Prof. Lamoreaux for his admirable article in the issue of the 17th inst., under title of "Ought the Greenbacks to be Destroyed?" To my mind it was exactly to the point. The men who are conspiring to destroy the people's money, are guilty of high treason. With wondrous rapidity the events of the times are focalizing toward the mighty day of judgment.—C. B., Salem, O.

You ask us what we think of the new FLAMING SWORD. I like the weekly very much—it is a perfect beauty, but I like the inside better yet, because I find it always so full of thrusts, with light in wisdom. Continue on this way, my friends, and the SWORD will do much good.—J. H. B., Chicago, Ill.

I am well pleased with your work.—C. G., Willoughby, O.

Editor's Chat With Our Readers.

If we had not already written concerning "The Passing of the Year 1897" in an article in the Contributors' Department we would say more about it here in a friendly chat with the readers of these brief paragraphs. Read the article referred to and get the gist of our views of the old year and its important events. During the coming year we are going to advocate strikes—or strokes, severe blows at the corporations and corruptions with which we are surrounded. Our cause is the cause of the people. The needy are the very ones who need THE FLAMING SWORD—it champions their cause; the rich are abundantly able to pay for it, hence, they have no excuse for not reading the most advanced journal in the world. To whatever class you belong you cannot afford to miss the regular weekly, dignified and friendly visits of the world's great illuminator. THE FLAMING SWORD is the genuine symbol of emancipation, the torch of liberty: it is Liberty Enlightening the World!

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Miscellaneous Notes.

Wednesday, Dec. 22.—Weyler predicts loss of Cuba if Spain persists in autonomy—Indian troubles in Mexico.—Durrant uses technicalities to escape the gallows.—Prof. Huxley's new method of generating high-tension electricity.—Carlists at work in Cuba.—Emperor of Germany appeals to Pope for support of naval projects.—200 Spaniards killed and 1,000 captured by Cuban insurgents.—Russia, France, and Germany combine to oppose British interests in China.

Thursday.—Two Philadelphia banking concerns fail.—Chicago woman arrested for stealing candles from church altar.—Bears doubt Leiter's ability to dispose of his millions of bushels of wheat.—Korea is the center of naval displays.—Russia backs China.—New man-of-war completed for Japan.—Mrs. Ballington Booth reported dying.

Friday.—Chicago visited by disastrous fires.—Cleveland, O., has a \$1,000,000 fire.—Russia proposes a canal from the Baltic to the Black Sea.—China demands possession of Kiao Chou; burial place of Confucius.—Two Chicagoans arrived from Klondike.—Chicago Coliseum burns.

Saturday.—Riot in Havana caused by Weylerites.—America may be compelled to defend interests in China.—England has 21 warships in Chinese waters.—Spain said to be favorable to U. S.—Developments indicate that Dreyfus is innocent.

Sunday.—Capt. Brainard planning Arctic explorations.—Remarkable surgical operation at Zurich, Switzerland; stomach excised, and esophagus connected with duodenum; patient lives.—Turks fire on a Grecian vessel on Gulf of Ambracia.—New cabinet formed in Venezuela.—Insurgents repulse 15,000 Spanish troops and drive away gun-boats.

Monday.—Spanish papers endeavoring to discourage Carlist movement.—Federa-

tion of educational associations convenes in Chicago.—Cubans defeat Spanish Soldiers under Sequera at Gualmarlo.—Hewer opens a new school in Chicago.—Alaskan mining concern in hands of a receiver.—Maxim invents an aerial torpedo vessel.

Tuesday.—It is reported that Sec. Gage offers to resign.—Pope condemns political trickery.—Commercial travelers convene in Chicago.—American Indians appeal to U. S. for better treatment.—8-hour war in England.—Advance in flour.—England building fortifications at Gibraltar.—More miners abandon the Klondike.—\$15,000 pipe organ in Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, Ill.—Washington officials think Spain will quit Cuba soon.

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