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THE FUROR OVER MRS. DEWEY'S SHREWD MANAGEMENT.

A New Pension Bill by Mr. Glynn-Captala Clarke's Recognition-Pettigrew's Trouble -The Porto Rico Government-The Magnetized Capitol Doine.

Among the recent pension bills introduced in the House is one by Congressman Glynn, of the Albany, New York district. Briefly stated, Mr. Glynn's bill provides for a pension for all veterans of the war of the Rebellion when they reach the age of sixty years. It is stated that the National encampment of the G. A. R. has endorsed this measure, and it is to have the earnest support of the organization. The necessity for some further legislation on this subject, and the propriety of now including all the vet-



Congressman Clynn.

erans in a comprehensive measure is recognized by all who have given the subject attention. The revenues of the Government are ample to carry out the plan and if they are not the deep sense of obligation which all the people now feel for the men whose ranks are daily growing thinner, will soon find a way to provide the means. Mr. Glynn is a Democrat, but the penalon bill will not be a party measure in any event, and the passage of his bill is now earnestly looked for.

An Alleged Blight.

It seems destined that capital society is to be kept in a turmoil by the new wife of Admiral Dewey. The latplace ahead of them among the visitors who were received at the New

ned until repealed or amended by the Legislature, and the Constitution and laws of the United States are extended to the island "so far as applicable," a phrase which is rather ambiguous, the meaning depending largely upon the tribunal which is to judge of their applicability. In its main features, this bill puts Porto R co upon ab. ut the same footing as our other organized Territories, and gives its people a reasonable measure of home rule.

To Buy St Thomas.

In 1865, the Senate rejected a freaty negotiated by Secretary Seward for the acquisition of the Danish West Indies. Since that date Denmark has not been willing to negot.ate unless They have handaged his wounds with sure that Congress is favorably disposed. It is stated that Denmark has made no recent offer of the islands. However, a willingness to sell them has not been abandoned. As a consequence of the conditions set up by the failure of 1865, Congress may now take the initiative by passing a joint resolution instructing the President to purchase the islands. Naval officers are anxious for the acquisition of the And all's going well. I would have fine harbor in the isla. d of St. Thom- you know, as, as well as to guard against the sale of the islands to a European power.

Congress may well take 'he course suggested and so add the islands to our West Indian possessions. The time is ripe for a change.

A Magnetized Dome.

"Where am 1 at?" This was a famous question when it was asked for the hist time on the floor of the House at Washington. Now the question is being asked of all Representatives and Senators by the dumb, yet protesting. watches which they carry. For the great dome of the Capitol being charged heavily with magnetism, has made the watch of nearly every Congressman look more orey-eyed than that first famous member who propounded the question and thereby started wagging the tongues of all the temperance societies in the land.

The dome is built of steel and iron and is sheathed with iron. Eight years ago the doine was lighted by (estricity for the first time, and since then the great metal mass capping the Capitol has been magnetized by the current

William E. Woods, assistant architect of the Capitol, has investigated the complaints of Congressmen that their watches go astray, and having found the reason is prepared to report to Congress the remedy needed.

There are several means by which the trouble can be straightened out. one is that Congress shall app.opr.ate for itself e. ough money to buy each yourself." member a magnet-proof watch. This est story, that Chief Just ce Fuller has would be an easy way out, except that filed a protest with President McKin-|such a watch, having diamond bea ligs ley on account of the alleged slight of , and therefore not susceptible to magfered to the women of the Supreme netism is exceedingly costly. The Court set in allowing Mrs. Dewey a public wouldn't stand for such expense, especially as every new member would have to be equipped simil-Year's reception, is not entirely true, arly. Then a mag et proof sheath Secretary Porter vigorously denies could be provided for each watch.

CONVALESCING.

The linens are enotiess and enowy and white, The pillow is fully and polt, And the hero, shot down in the thick

of the fight As he carried the banner shoft. Is back among friends who will pam-

per and care, Bring jellies and dainties a store; From hard tack to love they are chang-

ing the fare In hospital ward number four.

the softest of lint,

And in lieu of the laurels and bays, They've brought him home flowers of delicate tint.

All fashioned in fragrant bouquets. His cheeks that were yellow and wan seem to glow

With health's ruddy roses once more,

In hospital ward number four.

The surgeons were fearing the worst when he came,

But a fair girl soon called, so they say. And she sought out his cot and she

whispered his name, Since then he's improving each day. For a sweet heart hath skill where ;

surgeon hath not, Though the cure's not in medical

lore. And love's helped the hero to rise from his cot

In hospital ward number four. -Roy Farrell Green, in Leslie's Weekly,

BREAKING THE NEWS.

"Do you think he'll take it very badly. Nora?" Nora Helmsley shugged her should-

"My dear Belty, you ought to know more about Mr. Markham's powers of endurance than I."

"But what do you think he'll do? What do you suppose---" "Why waste our time in supposition?

He'll he here most likely this afternoon, and you will be able to judge for

Betty Oakhurst sprang to her feet. "Ted is coming here this afternoon? Why on earth didn't you tell me before?" And she figetted nervously with her hat before the glass as she spoke. "But you knew. Betty, where are you going?"

"Anywhere out of this," cried the girl, laughing nervously as she stoopthat any protest has been made, which This is so chean a remedy that many ed to kiss her friend,

bacometer by a couple of hours or orchestral music, and that Nora must

give him some tes and her excuses.

Nors sighed as she stood at the window. "It was a topsy turvy world, and

thrown together. If onlycome in here."

to acr face. "Oh, I hadn't heard you come in!

Do sit down, Aunt lan't wall I am so sorry you should have had the troub. le of calling for nothing, but she hoped erful chief Macombe, call themesives to be able to go until the last moment. Makalanga, which means Prove of the main still live that have Won't you lat me give you some tes?". She spoke with nervous hurry, scarcely know, they are to the day sun and jushs of this lake appearing to in pausing for an answer.

Ted Markham took the chair the offered him, and listened in silence while she rattled on. Suddenly the slopped, conscious of his fixed glance, haukants of the country. "Is anything the matter?" she asked. In a slightly slarmed voice. It. was found that the unites had some id a surely not possible that he could at-

ready have learned Betty's treachery, Helmsløy!"

"No?" Nore felt the color to out of her face. "It isn't fair to you, and besides I---

things have changed"-"You mean that Batty"

"Miss Oakhurst is going to be married." Nora gasped; but did not speak. She is engaged to Lord Barthorpes I was overflowing with loving-kindness to the world in general.**

"Beity has behaved abominably!" put in Nora, indignantly. Ted Markham smiled.

"I talak, on the contrary, that she "I taink, on the contrary, that she ing the position of the ancient runs, has shown remarkably good sense. I and workings, which I at once inves-am going to leave London I really came, tignical. Going to the spot indicated. this alternoon to say good-by."

Nora bit her lips. "I am very sorry," she began healtakingly. "I am afraid I was rather to blame, but I thought Botty really cared, and

Markham's demeanor pussied her; he large alluvial tract, in whych we die more than that in this was quite while, and there was a look covered gold and need it magnificent ing. his eyes which broubled her.

SCLOMON'S MINES HOUND

Carl Peters Asserts That Ha Found Upbli Nora was conscious that this was al Where He Instead for It in South Africa. neat pretext for giving the young man I have this summer explored the the chance of a teta-a-tete with her-country between the Zambezi and the soit. Lady Hewitt was too indolent, Pingwe, in Portuguese East Africa, naturally, not to be hearing weary of and Eastern Mashemaland. Before I her duties as chaperon to her piece, started from England I has secure d An attractive heiress was a responsibil, geographical information which it. ins ity little to her taste, and the girl felt to believe that Fuera was near the railroad remains from that, inedgible as most mothers and responsible people would have termed. Ted Markham with he post in the little banks of the Mules River ab u. Ted Markham, with his post in the fifteen a les south of the Zamb at and obsined. The roots Foreign Office and his meagre personal haif way between Seni and fiete. At man frm. fortune. Lady Hewitt would open her, the time of my discovery I had with Ardmars, L.T., is the gr arms to him gladly if he would but re- me Mr. Puxy and iwo mining sugilieve her of her onorous duties of news. Mersra, Gramann and Napolaki. watchdog, and would declare that Nors I should penhaps explain here that had money enough for them both. Furn is the metry corruption of the Nors sighed as she stood at the winof the elsternik contain at an the fadow. It was a topsy turyy world, and trick of which I am specifics. After the wrong people were always being is the Sabasan or South Arabian form of the Hebrew name Ophin. I have "Am I disturbing you?. I was told to ample proof that the Fura we discorcred and explored this summer is the

Nora, started, and the color rushed Ophir of the Old Testament. After, or States had increases in an o her face. mine. Fars in the linguings of the of meanly best set. people who now include. the district aleo means mine.

The natives, who are under the now-Sun: Unike any other Africans I tinct elsewhere, certain whethill five worshippers. They are quite un-like the ordinary African, and have a thentifed with formal forms of old distinct lewish type of face, and in my opinion they are a min ure of the Asi. atic conquerors with the original in-

On arriving in the district. I soon of the existence of the anoisat Opair. In fach they wash gold themaselvee "Yes. We can't go on his tale. Miss after the rainy season and after noring at in guilts, do a fairly large trade

in it with Beirs and Te. At first I had great d. its with bless people. For five we have they for futed to sell me food and performed was dances to frighten me. Mas ante, the child, then sent bis brother Cunteto to me, demanding what I meant by entering his quustry. By this time, however, as I had succeeded in remet Lady Oakhurst just now, and she ting food from other sources, Cunteta seemed inclined to be friendly. I made friends with him and I have brought hom to England. Up to the present his greatest surprise is that he has not seen the sun. This chief subsequently gave me valuable is formation repard-I found ancient ruins of undoubtaily The solt grow into a small Semitic type. I discovered phalitic three-year-old, and this y embleme, adich bare always been ton been taking foit prime : nected with the movent Smith iun won hip, Furt scalt I found to possess known as "Little for a formation of quartalle slats and di- iv. at Others, it to prite, between which gold reefs were 1:14. Conserver has She left the sentence unfinished, Ted rubning. Under the ruins I found a one for the many and

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obliterates the incident in its official aspect, but this does not bring peace amount of denial and explanation can alter the fact that Mrs. Dewey did enter the Blue Room and was presented to the President and Mrs. McKinley before the wives of the Supreme Court instices.

Generalship Did It.

Everybody is asking, "How did she lo it?" and no one seems to know. No one imagines that such a proceeding was on the programme for the reception. It was just a case of feminine generalship. Mrs. Dewey was among the women invited to stand "behind the line' in the Blue Room. She came early, going in by the south door from the Red Room, before the receiving party had arrived. She got a gratifying reception from the other women in the room, who kissed her affectionately besides. After the members of the Diplomatic Corps had been receiv. ed there came a period of wating, and then, before the members of the Supreme Court had had time to make their way into the room, the Secretary of the Navy was seen to enter a secand time escorting Mrs. Dewey.

The Supreme Court women were visibly indignant. No one outside of Washington can understand how cutand-dried a thing the question of precedence is, and how unpardonable any offense against the rules is. The offended women refused to pass "behind the line," according to their custom, after being received by the President, and they were out of the White House as soon as they could get through the crowd.

Pettigrew's Trouble.

Can't somebody do something to al-leviate the suffering of the Hon. Richard Franklin Pelligrew, a great and good friend of Aguinaldo and incidentally United States Senator from South Dakota? It is pitiful to see the way he writhes about in his seat when some measure looking toward the growth of the United States is under discussion. And so intense is his agony that sometimes when other top. ics engrose the attention of his colleagues. he awakens with a start and from sheer force of habit arises to offer a resolution inquiring the cause of the war between the United States and the Filipinos. He was thousa, ds of miles from the firing line when some of his countrymen repelled the attack on the flag that floated over him and therefore does not know who fired the first shot.

A Government for Porto Rico.

Senator Foraker, who is chairman of the new Senate Committee on the Pacific Islands and Porto Rico, has intro. duced a bill giving the last-named island a Territorial government. It is, more liberal than the plan outlined in Secretary Root's report, and the bill ought to be speedily passed in order to give the Porto Ricans a stable government. There is to be a Governor and Supreme Court appointed by the President; also a Legislative Council constituting the upper branch of the Legislature, composed of the Governor, seven heads of executive departments and five native citizens. This is to be an appointive body, but a low er house of thirty-five members is to be elected by the Porto Ricans, themselves, who are also to elect a Delagate to Congress. Export duties are prohibited and free trade established with the United States. Existing laws and municipal ordinances are continu

motormen fit themselves out with it. But the case is chiefly of nickel, and as far as society is concerned, and no therefore doesn't look as well as it tell him straight out now and get it wears. So that, too, is out of the ques- over. It will be ever so much more tion. Mr Wood's scheme is to rewire the

entire doom, not in the usual way by placing large electric magnets at various places in the dome, but by reversing the currents which supply the light-in other words, employ an al- you-" ternating current, which reverses hundreds of times a minute. This is the recommendation which Mr. Woods

will make to Congress. Captain Ciark.

A remarkable fact is brought out by it in that way," replied Miss Oakhurst, the Secretary of the Navy in a letter which he recently sent to the Naval Committee. In it he shows that Captain Clarke who did such excellent service in bringing the battleship Oregon around Cape Horn at the outbreak of . the Spanish war, is actually two numbers lower in the list than he would anything to explain, except that you've



Captain Clarke.

have been if there had been no war. This is due to the advancement of other officrs. But it is evident from the manner in which the committee received the information that Captain-Clarke's record-breaking trip and his big part in the destruction of the Spanish fleet of Santiago will not long go unrewarded.

Tales That are Told.

Exactly 1070 dies, bearing the date and now-now-" 1899 and which last year coined hundreds of millions in all denominations of money, were destroyed at the Philadelphia mint the other day, in the presence of Superintendent Boyer, the assayer and chief coiner. The dies destroyed were for coining double eagles, eagles, half eagles ,quarter eagles, silver dollare, half dollars, anarters, dimes, nickels and pennies. They were first thrown into the furnace, twenty-five at a time, and on reaching a white heat, were drawn out, one at a time, and the tellentely-engraved dies were hammered into a mass of misshapen metal, to be sold as ordinary old iron. Many of the reverse sides of the dies were kept for further use. The only obverse die used at the Philadelphia mint in 1899, and retained, was the one used for striking of the Lafayette dollar, which is dated 1900. Every die used by the United States mints is engraved and then destroyed in this city, says the Philadelphia Record, an account being kept of each die. Dies used at the New Orleans mint will be destroyed immedistely, and those from San Francisco will be hammered into uselessness also. The United States makes the finest coins in the world, ranking above those of England and Russia in the order pamed.

Nora, however, caught her arm "Noncense, Betty! You'd much herter awkward for you if the news reaches him from the outside."

"I don't see that at all," returned Betty quietly, as she drew away from her companion. "I am sure that if-if

She paused tentatively.

"You don't mean to say that you exnect me to tell Ted Markham that you've jilted him?"

"I certainly don't expect you to put with a little laugh; "but I am quite certain that you would explain it to the poor fellow much better than any one else." "Explain!" exclaimed Nora, impe-

tiently. "I don't know that there's put yourself and me in a most ridiculous position."

"Nora!" "I wish I'd never had anything to able in my life as I have done since you dragged me into this precious scheme of yours." "Poor old Nora!" murmured Betty sympathetically, while she cast furtive

glances at the clock. "You came here and shed any num ber of teams, declared that you adored Ted Markham; that your father wouldn't hear of an engagement, but that if you only had a little time be-

fore you, you were sure everything would come right." "So it has," remarked Betty, sotio I found out long ago that we had made voice, "It's only a question of point a mistake?" of view."

Nora flashed an indignant look at her.

"I think you might be serious now, and at least pretend that you're asham. ed of yourself. You begged me to help you to get my sunt to ask him here, to act as screen in fact, so that your people might imagine it was all over and that you had both changed your minds,

The sound of a bell broke in upon Miss Heimsley's eloquence, and Betty caught up her gloves.

"I'm awfully sorry, Nora. Abuse me as much as you like. Goodby!" And before Nora could stop her she

ordinary standards. Nora wondered, was but a broken reed .-- London World as she stood there idly looking into the street, now she could ever been foolish enough to take Betty's love troubles

seriously. Meantime, that same folly of hers was going to bear some very unpalatable fruit. In less than ten minutes young Markham would be there. He and her aunt, Lady Hewitt, to escort,

eyed little friend to move a man so? That her companion had taken sore great resolution, and that a singularly difficult one, it was easy enough to perceive.

"Are you going to be away long?" she zakod zwkwardly. "I mean, areyou going far?"

"I think of going to have a look at the antipodes. My father has some interest, and I hope to get sent off to Mel. bourne."

rather hurriedly?" she objected timid-

"Hursdedly? Why, I put things in train weeks ago!"

"Weeks ago!" she exclaimed. "But Betty's engagement is quite fresh. Did you suspect"----

"I suspect nothing. I knew"-"You knew!" she exclaimed indignantly. "Then why didn't you speak? Why didn't you tell me?"

"Tell you!!" She stared at him, his do with it. I never felt so uncomfort- | tone was so vehement. "Uh, about Betty, you mean?"

> "Of course. What else should 'I mean?"

"Nothing, of course"----"Really, I don't understand you." He laughed drearly as she rose, "No, I

must not explain. Good-by." She looked up at him with startled EY65 and the second state of the

"You are too hard on Betty. She"-"On Betty? Don't you know that I haven't thought of her for weeks that

"Then why are you going?"

She managed to keep her eyes up on his face, though her cheeks burned and

she felt almost choked. "Don't you know that I am almost a pauper?" he said, bitterly, as he turned away.

Nora took a step after him. "Are you going," she taked in a trembling voice, because you want to make your fortune or because because I am too rich

She covered her face with her hands. "Oh, if you were not in love with Betty, didn't you see-didn't you guess

weeks ago had darted through the door and was The voices of the 'chaperons' were on her way downstairs. She let her go, foud in condemnation when the engages After all, it never was of any use to ment was announced, and the mothers argue with Betty; she was one of those of younger some and unglit titles design delightfully irresponsible creatures who ed that Lady Hewitt had allowed her always manage to shift the blame of inlete to throw her self away; while their shortcomings on to other people's Betty Oakhunst should her pretty head shoulders, and whom no one-no man, and reflected saily that men were fickle at any rate-eyer dreams of judging by creatures and that feminine frinedship

> Litune Chang.

éd the man whose sympathies are easways being called on to give up some the South Paulit. thing or other.

"Yes," replied Senator Sorghum, "Imf had arranged to call for Miss Helmsley Li Understands his business. He aland her aunt, Lady Hewitt, to escort ways manages to put iem off with a relithern to an a termoon concert. The elikow jacket or a peacock feather or der lady had declared at luncheon that some such trifle. He hangs on to has sees can never be reconciled with the weather was far too depressing for bank account and his pull with the it not to be madness to risk the prob. Rissian Government, right along."ability of a further fall of one's more | Washington Star

What quartz recis, The ancient workings was there in her fluffy haired, blue. Which I, found were not only surface workings, but there were also shaf a and rouds hewn into the rock. I have buill a station in this district and also cue in Invange, both of which are in charge of trustworthy Europeans. P intend next summer to fa: ther investigale the traces of damonds out. white mics and saltpeire which we found.

"My theory with remark to Ophir," said to doctor on conclusion "is the find with the The ancient conquercan heard at the stand the salished we mouth of the Lombosi of rich alluvial "But haven't you made up your mind gold up river and salled up to the statern entrance of the Lurata, neyon1. W. Iou rapide made navgation diffic se. likey then proceeded overland and found, under the very walls of the fort - has gond into effect, and the up ifications (ruins of which we have discovered); alluvial and also rest sold. They then settled for a considerable period, and alterward migrated to the weet loward the Ruenys. They event-ually mittled all the districts west and southwest as far as the Samyate Biver and Tele, and built a great ampire slong the Zambasi and Sabi Tivers. The Sabasan empire probably lasted for thousands of years. Its existence was well known senong the Bensilie. nations, and it is interesting to note that Onhir is always mentioned in the : Old Testament without any arplanation at to the bouldy. I have seen in a enough to be assured that all the prove The ducts of the ancient Ophis are to be of found on the Zambesi. As a result of my investigation. Arabian and Indian theories regarding wany Ophir fall to pieces, and I cisim un-

the Golden Ophir of King Solomon and King Hiram?

Herrise Some New Carss for Langer "The curves which we have to record to are in many cases," said the head physician of one of the largest Scottish. lunstic mylums, "as carlous as par patients' whime.

"One patient had for six years been under the delusion that his head was corned the wrong way physically. We put him in a chair, they him scoursely. and then, having blindfolded um gave, ing with delight, and after that me out he was as many as you of 1. AD other declared he was topheravy. We weighted his test with two threestones weights and left bins for a day. as H Whether me orirs wought effected the cure or not I don't know, but he today bolds a very responsible position under the Government, and is one of the clearest-headed men I know. Another thought that if the west is alcep the world would stop moving. We doned him with chloroform. When he woks twelve hours later and found everything all right he wept with loy then turned over and went to sleep again, waking six hours later same."

Charting Chose Beds. The British government Leens sleven

vessels at work sounding and charting "Poor old Li Hung Chang!" exclaim, the ocean bene to find out where day's. ers hurk. Last year 10,000 square miles ily excited at long range. "He is al. were carefully charled in different ways being called on to give up some. Davis of the world-Asia, Africa and

> Sweeping by Electricity. St. Louis is experimenting with electricity for operating street-sweepers. The great modern or for cleanity of miccas in the experiment, and Ly weary day of

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