Around the Globe.

A New Military Division, that of the Philippines, has been created by Secretary Root. This is to free the head of the division of minor details, leaving him more time to devote to large questions of policy and civil administration. Gen Otis, the head of the division, is said to be prostrated in mind and body on account of the strain of work. There are four departments in the new division, commanded as follows. Northern Luzon, Gen MacArthur, southern Luzon, Gen Bates, Visayas, Gen Hughes, Mindanao and Jolo, Gen Kobbe.

Trusts—The president of the Standard oil company's southern branch, H. C. Pierce of St Louis, is under bail in Texas, his company being accused of violating the state's anti-trust law. If he is convicted, the fine may go as high as $5000 and the imprisonment may be anywhere from one year to 10 years.

New Jersey, the home of trusts, will receive an annual income of $11,500 in taxes from the new corporation with $160,000,000 of capital stock which Andrew Carnegie has formed.

The next step in the development of trusts, according to our consul general at Frankfort, Germany, is the international trust, as exemplified by a new plate glass combination. The Standard oil is virtually an international trust. Independence of tariffs is one of the great advantages of international co-operation. It is predicted that the steel makers of the world will form a combination soon, which may prove to be stronger than any single government in the world.

Difficulty is being experienced with the Chicago drainage canal, according to a report from the war department. A current strong enough for sanitary purposes makes it impossible sometimes to get a large vessel out of the river into the lake. The law requires a stream of 300,000 cubic feet per minute to pass through the canal, and thus far it has been possible to turn in only 200,000 cubic feet per minute. Another waterway around the south side of the city, costing about $5,000,000, may be necessary, though the city's taxpayers have felt that the $24,000,000 already expended was enough. Efforts are being made in congress to get the federal government to take the canal.

New Zealand having done its share for the mother country in the South African war now asks through its governor for a share in the councils of the empire. This has been the boldest of all the English colonies in social reforms, and naturally leads in this movement for imperial federation. Canada's prime minister, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, hinted in a recent speech at something similar to what New Zealand asks. The devotion of the colonies during the Boer war has been a conspicuous feature of the situation. There have been rumors in England that Lord Salisbury, when the end of the war is clearly in sight, will disclose a vast plan of imperial federation. It is generally conceded that Sir Joseph Chamberlain's work as colonial secretary has fostered the imperial feeling in the colonies.

Personal—Archibald Forbes, one of the greatest of war correspondents, died in England. He was a native of Scotland, and his first war reporting was in the conflict between Germany and France 30 years ago. He was present at Sedan, witnessed the surrender of Louis Napoleon to Bismarck, and was the first newspaper man to enter Paris after the capitulation. He went through the Russo-Turkish, Afghan and Zulu wars. In 1886 Mr Forbes married a daughter of Gen Meigs of the United States army.

Admiral Dewey created a sensation when he announced that he was, after all, available as a candidate for the presidency of the United States.

One of the grandest names in Boer history thus far is Joubert. The death of the brave general robbed the Dutch cause of its foremost military leader. Piet Joubert was, as the British general White said, "a gentleman and a brave and honorable opponent." Kipling, who is in South Africa, wrote a poem in his honor. Gen Joubert was more progressive than Kruger, and until the Jameson raid he was opposed to his conservative administration. He led at Majuba hill, losing five men, while the British lost 280, and he trapped the Jameson raiders. He would have shot them but for the interference of Kruger. Gen Joubert visited the United States in 1892 as Transvaal commissioner to the World's fair.

The "Open Door" Secretary Hay's plan for the maintenance of the "open door" in China succeeded in so far as the formal co-operation of the great powers is concerned, favorable answers having been received from Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, Italy and Japan. The formal declaration of our state department to the powers was made Sept 6, and the correspondence closed March 20, with Secretary Hay's notification to the powers that all had agreed.

Porto Rican Tariff After five weeks' debate the bill for a 15 per cent tariff on Porto Rican products passed the senate by a party vote, 40 to 31, along with a measure providing a civil government for the island. Since the president's free trade message the governor-general of Porto Rico acquired later and more accurate information about conditions in the island which is said to have changed the attitude of the administration.

Small Banks—The applications for charters for small banks under the new law, up to March 21, were tabulated by the government. Iowa led, with 35; then followed Pennsylvania with 27, Nebraska 23, Minnesota and Ohio 22, Texas 21, Illinois 19, Kansas 17, Kentucky 15, Indiana, New York and Oklahoma 13, Missouri 11. To March 21 the applications for charters for banks of $25,000 to $50,000 capital numbered 349, for banks of $50,000 capital or over, 84. It is estimated that the increase of bank notes during 1900 will be at least $100,000,000. One of the foremost authorities in the country on money and prices, Prof Taussig of Harvard university, thinks that even if the new currency should amount to $200,000,000 it would not appreciably affect prices or business under current conditions.

International Arbitration awards about $4,000,000 to citizens of England and the United States whose claims against the Portuguese government have been before a commission at Berne, Switzerland, for nearly 10 years. That government in 1889 seized the Delagoa Bay railroad in Portuguese South Africa on account of jealousy of the English, and the owners persuaded their respective governments to demand arbitration of their claims. Portugal submitted, and the commission has at last made its award, which is regarded by the claimants as but a fraction of their loss. The fact that the road derived its value largely from government concessions helps to square the account. Had Portugal been unable to pay the damages, England probably would have seized Delagoa bay, the strategic value of which is well known.

Coeur d'Alene—Federal troops were sent to the Coeur d'Alene country last year in response to the request of Gov Steunenberg, a democrat and a labor union man. In his testimony at Washington the governor declared this was the only means of restoring and keeping order, the state militia being in the Philippines and the sheriff in sympathy with the union miners. Bad bread was fed the prisoners in the "bull-pen" prison, he said, because the union would not allow the bakeries to sell bread to the authorities and a bakery with amateur help had to be started. The labor leaders generally have sided against the governor during the investigation, backing Congressmen Lentz of Ohio and Sulzer of New York, who have done a large share of the questioning. In order to keep the issue out of the national campaign the republican majority of the military (investigating) committee will try to let the case run along till adjournment, so that no report need be made till after the presidential election.

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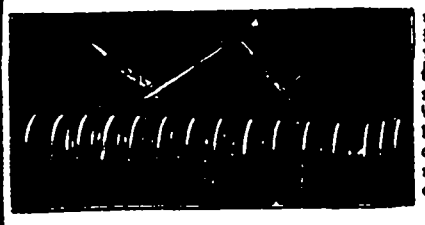

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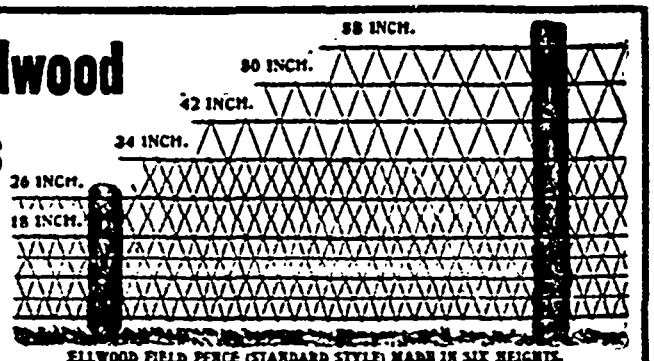

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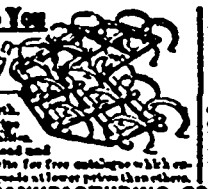

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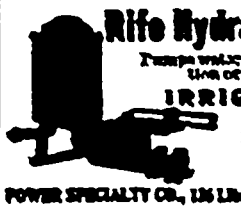

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