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President McKinley has an opportunity to exercise executive power in the case of Captain John D. Hart, who is now looked up in an American prison for trying to aid the Cubans.

As the entire United States is just now engaged in the same line of business, it looks like a bit of stupidity and inconsistency on the part of Captain Hart any longer in bondage.

Hanna may think that to release Captain Hart would offend the sensitive feelings of the Spanish. Attorney General Griggs may think that there is nothing too good for a man charged with aiding the Cubans in their struggle for liberty against the cowardly, cruel and treacherous Spaniards, but the people of the United States, who have forced Hanna to state his craven words, "There will be no war," and who have driven Griggs for once in his life to hunt up precedents for freedom instead of forging fetters for freemen, the people will uphold and applaud the President if he will set Captain Hart free.

As the Washington Times well says: "What Captain Hart did for the Cubans, the Marquis de Lafayette did for the patriots of the war of the revolution." Recently a statue of Lafayette was sent to France by American patriots as a testimonial that the memory of the great Frenchman was held in reverence here because he aided the cause of freedom.

If America does reverence those who manifest a love for freedom, why is Captain John D. Hart still a captive in the eastern penitentiary of Pennsylvania?

Now is the time for president McKinley to release Captain Hart. The war has not yet become so engrossing that the executive cannot find a pen and write the pardon of a man whose only crime was that of being a year ahead of the administration.

When the revenue bill to raise the money to prosecute the war against Spain was prepared by the ways and means committee no democrat was consulted.

It was the idea of the republicans to have a measure strictly partisan in character, strictly in the interest of republicans and to force the democrats in congress to vote for it under the plea that it was a "war measure," and it would be "unpatriotic" to oppose it.

This sort of bulldozing is evidently going to be the method followed by the administration party, and the republican press has received instructions from Boss Hanna, whose cringing slave it is, to work the "obstructionist" act for all that it is worth.

There can be no doubt that there are many things in the revenue bill which should not be there, but much more is it true there are many things in the revenue bill which should not be there, but much more is it true that there are many things not in the bill that should be in it.

Necessities of life are taxed to the utmost, but incomes and luxuries are not touched. To be sure, the rich men bought protection, during the last presidential campaign, by paying large sums of money to Mark Hanna, but there was no talk of war then, and the bargain ought to be declared off because of the change in conditions.

While the republican majority in congress were voted cheerfully to tax the necessities of the people, the inquiry will not down as to why such corporations as the giant Standard Oil combine should escape without the tribute of a single penny to the war fund.

Why should the man who has to spend money for the necessities of life be forced to pay a tax on every cent he spends, while the man who receives an income of \$2,000 a day does not have to pay a cent of tax?

And yet administration papers say democrats are "obstructionists" because those same democrats want to equalize the burden of war by making the rich help the poor carry it.

One thing is certain: The internal revenue tax is going to raise the spirits of the people all over this country.

**SPECIAL SALE OF NURSERY STOCK!**  
Owing to the closeness of money among the farmers and planters we have determined to place this stock with the result of all. The stock is young, thrifty and well grown, and every tree will be found to be true to name. All who want to plant trees will do well to look up to it over. Stock can be seen at White's very barn, Rensselaer, Ind.

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Dr. J. C. Ayer's Pills will prevent and cure biliousness.

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## Cure... Biliousness

It is said of Lee that he has not a personal enemy. Just before the second battle of Manassas an incident occurred showing his chivalrous nature. Lee had captured a squadron of the Second United States dragoons, and immediately discovered some old acquaintances among them. He merely took their word that they would not attempt to escape and kept them as his guests at headquarters. They rode with his staff and himself during a few days' operations, and on one occasion were under fire from the guns of their own people. Through the influence of Gen. Lee they were paroled and were given passes and horses to ride to their own lines. Such were thousands of incidents on both sides during our civil war.

At the close of the war Gen. Lee was left—as was the fate of all Confederate soldiers—prisoners and without the profession for which he was so admirably fitted and educated. He was forced to begin over again his life's work.

For some years he devoted his time to farming until urged by his friends to enter politics and become a candidate for governor of Virginia. He did and was elected by a large majority to that office, and once more Virginians saw with pride Lee filling the position of high trust.

Upon the close of his first term he was again elected. Now he has more graceful hospitality dispensed from the governor's mansion than during Gen. Lee's administration.

Spain's proposition to exchange captured merchantmen would be more timely if Spain had captured any of ours to trade.—Buffalo Express.

The dust of Christopher Columbus reposes in the Cathedral of Havana, and is therefore in danger of being mixed with the dust that Uncle Sam is preparing to raise there. It is a sad prospect for the late explorer.—Ex.

The war will be a good thing for Mr. Dingley. He can so mix up the ordinary with the extraordinary expenses that few will be able to tell how his old bill would work under normal circumstances.—Peoria Herald.

The Medical Journal says: "Very short-sighted people have prominent eyes. And very many prominent people are short-sighted." Hanna, Dingley, Elkins & Co., for example.

The man who works himself to death trying to accumulate a fortune only acquires a funeral pile.

Spain appears to have had ships to burn at Manila.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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## WOODEN RAIL FOR A FLORIDA ROAD.

The citizens of Avon Park and Haines City, Fla., forty miles distant, have decided, according to a correspondent of the Manufacturers' Record, to build a railroad with wood rails, which are large enough to be laid so that they will be half-embedded in the sand, without other ballast. They are to be held in position by wooden pins two inches in diameter and eighteen inches long, while the ends are connected by plank couplers placed underneath and held by pins. Not a pound of metal will be used in construction of the tracks. Most of the "rails" will be furnished gratis by property owners along the right of way. The company believes that in a few years the fruit, vegetable and passenger business over the route will pay for regular steel rails, when the others will be used for ties. A small steam train will furnish power for the road.

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