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NOTES OF PREPARATION.

It is most natural that the movements of war vessels, the activity at navy yards and certain not common incidents in connection with the army, should be construed by most people as indicating that war is imminent. Under existing conditions any naval or military occurrence out of the ordinary routine is certain to be magnified in the public mind into a significance which it does not possess and this tendency is very pronounced just now.

There is no authority from Washington for believing that what is taking place in naval and military circles is in contemplation of war. Such information as comes from official sources is simply to the effect that what is being done in getting war vessels ready for service and in inspecting troops at military stations is simply in pursuance of plans long ago decided upon.

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RESPONSIBILITY OF NATIONS.

Chicago Chronicle: The general belief seems to be that the Maine was not destroyed by an explosion of its origin. In that case Spain is responsible for its money value, whether the loss occurred by the explosion of submarine mines planted for harbor protection or by the explosion of the vessel by a private enemy under the jurisdiction of Spain.

New York World: The theory is perfectly simple. Each nation is supposed to control the people within its borders. It is responsible to civilization for order within its domain. No other power can exercise police authority there, and when the citizens or subjects of other powers are wronged there is a well-recognized principle of responsibility on the part of the power which alone has authority to redress disorder. Any other rule would mean chaos once again.

St. Paul Pioneer: Robert T. Lincoln would appear to be rather off his base in his views of international law as applied to the disaster of the Maine. It is perfectly true that if that disaster was entirely the work of some private fanatic Spain would not be burdened with any legal responsibility; but if there was a mine under the ship placed there by the government, even though exploded by some private Spanish fanatic, it is not easy to see how the Spanish government could escape legal responsibility.

New York Commercial: International law is merely the codification of international practice and precedent, and history is full of cases where indemnity has been claimed and granted in such cases. The principle is that a nation is bound to grant the citizens and subjects of a foreign power in its jurisdiction the same protection from private violence it secures to its own citizens. If it fails to do so it must indemnify the injured party. The United States, like most other nations, has both paid and received damages in similar instances.

Springfield Republican: The view of Robert Lincoln, that Spain cannot be held accountable for the Maine disaster, even if it shall be proved that the mine was exploded in the Havana harbor, unless responsibility be traced directly to the government, is one that will certainly be taken by the administration. It is a principle which would place Spain's business to see that it was protected, just as the harbor police of New York are now protecting the Vizcaya. If the mine was exploded by a private citizen, and Spain must and will be held responsible.

New York Sun: But when it comes either to a harbor mine planted by the government or to a torpedo which was only a government employ, the use of such appliances to blow up the Maine becomes a different matter. In that case no mere disavowal of complicity on the part of the government would be likely to relieve it from any demand which our government might make for indemnity. Even if all the details remained obscure, the act would be a criminal one, and Spain's business to see that it was protected, just as the harbor police of New York are now protecting the Vizcaya.

Indiana populists have definitely preempted the middle of the road and placed a full state ticket in the field. The question of biennial instead of annual elections is expected to be submitted to the voters of New York state. At the coming banquet of the Jeffersonian fusionists in Washington it is proposed to renege on 16 to 18-teen speeches to the people.

Kansas is to choose this year a governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, treasurer and attorney general. A large band of silverites will invade Oregon and endeavor to capture the state at the election next July. Indiana populists have definitely preempted the middle of the road and placed a full state ticket in the field.

The new constitution of Louisiana, now in process of construction by a constitutional convention, will impose property and educational qualifications sufficient, it is believed, to prevent negroes from voting, will probably provide for the pensioning of Confederate soldiers by the state, and may possibly give women property holders a vote on questions of taxation.

George Fred Williams is again, it is announced, a candidate for governor of Massachusetts on the democratic ticket, an office for which he runs with undeviating defeat every year. He enjoys the advantage of being an aspirant for a post not sought and not likely to be accepted by any other democratic aspirant in the face of a republican majority varying from 50,000 to 100,000.

The campaign managers of Senator Cannon are said to be exhibiting a letter to Republican politicians from Chairman Jones of the democratic national committee instructing them to support Cannon for re-election to the senate. As Cannon says he is a republican and acts with republicans on all questions not affecting the value of silver the Utah democrats threaten to secede from Chairman Jones and set up in business for themselves.

BIRTH IN RHVME.

Washington Star: Now there was little Lulu Grimes. She jumped the rope 2,000 times—And she's living yet, aged 21.

Chicago Record: Now we discipline our bodies, And project a spiritual strike By a sacrifice most noble Of their things we do not like.

Pittsburgh Courier: Two mortal wounds, in similar chairs, So gloomily we sat—Horse-play? Well, it seemed to us 'Too asthmatic for a year.'

Indianapolis Journal: He murmured as he sat alone, "It costs (the ardent cheer) As much to take the chaperone—As it does to take the girl!"

Chicago Post: I'm a Horriboos from Woolloomooloo, On the back of a big black whale; I'm the owner in chief of a coral reef, Where a mermaid smiles and smiles—Where a mermaid smiles on me As she combs her dark green locks, And nibbles the seed of the salt seaweed Which clings to the polypous rocks.

Chicago Post: I have been to sea with a manatee, On the back of a big black whale; I have warbled a song with a young dingo, Who was taking a little sail—Who was taking a little sail with me In the South Pacific seas, 'But we both had a cow and soon left off When the whale began to sneeze,

Chicago Post: I have played leap-frog with the pert sea hog, On the top of the bounding wave; I have straddled a spar with a shipwrecked tar, Till he sank to his deep-sea grave—Where the sea-ghouls lay in wait And shrieked with glee at their banquet feast, As they dined off the Captain's mate.

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Chicago Post: But away she ran with a gay merman, Who brought her a fine-tooth comb; It was a mother-of-pearl and it caught my eye, For she left my house, and she left me, too, Alone on this coral reef, And I sit and muse in an undertone, For I'm overcome with grief.

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