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AFTER THE INQUIRY—WHAT?

The inquiry into the Maine disaster by the American naval board appears to be nearly concluded and a report may be submitted by the board within the next week or ten days.

In regard to the question of responsibility there is diversity of opinion. The best authorities in Europe and in this country who have expressed themselves on the question agree that if the disaster to the Maine was due to an external cause our government would be justified in claiming damages for the destruction of the ship and the loss of life.

Spain ought of her own free will to be prompt in her disavowals and in proposing reparation. It is not at all probable, however, that the Spanish government will confess that the authorities in Cuba were negligent or concede that that government is in any sense responsible.

The Spanish government is likely to do, in the circumstances assumed, is to propose to submit the question of responsibility to arbitration and it is quite possible that in this it would have the support of several European nations—certainly that of France and probably of Austria and Italy.

The report of the naval board of inquiry is most anxiously awaited by the country and the question as to what will come after it is one of profound interest not only to the two nations immediately concerned, but to the world.

DEATH OF GENERAL ROSECRANS.

The last of the union generals who commanded armies in great battles is dead. General W. S. Rosecrans was an able and gallant soldier, who did the country great service.

Nothing could so forcibly display the absolute helplessness of the police authorities as the constantly increasing boldness of the professional crooks who seem to regard Omaha as the criminals' paradise.

CODING THE ARID LANDS.

The conclusion has been reached by a large number of persons interested in the reclamation of the arid and semi-arid lands of the western states and territories that the general government should make over title to these lands to the states in which they lie.

BUYING WAR SHIPS.

It is stated that the British ambassador at Washington has called attention to a precedent in international law which has a bearing on the question of the purchase of ships by either this country or Spain.

tion to sell the land in large tracts to speculators or improvement companies or to lease it to stockmen for grazing purposes, would be so great that state control of the arid lands would be no better than national control as a method of enlarging the area of strictly farming land.

A strong point in favor of state control of the arid lands is that the control of the water needed for irrigation rests wholly with the states and any system of irrigation based on national control would have to be with the consent of the states.

WHO LABORS UNDER A DELUSION?

Mr. Rosewater, who has always labored under the delusion that he held Silas A. Holcomb governor of Nebraska, complains that his excoeliency has based his ingratitude toward his creator—World-Herald.

It is proposed that the Mexican refunding bonds be sold to American bond-brokers. That would be an innovation that might lead to closer relations between the people of the two republics.

The Golden Tide.

Gold will buy war ships and gold is just what we happen to be importing at present. Some \$2,250,000 more of the metal was ordered from London for two weeks up to \$2,850,000.

A Hook of Safety.

Every American citizen who has any powers of observation knows very well that Mr. McKinley is not going to embark upon a war policy unless he knows that the country is ready to back him.

Sticking to Its Trade.

England's naval appropriation for the coming year is over \$100,000,000, with an additional \$24,000,000 for the navy.

How About the Kidnoid Cat?

It is a mighty mystery for the railroad men that Nebraska maximum rate decision, no doubt, and the western roads are rejoicing much over it.

A Steady Pilot.

The country owes our president a debt of gratitude for the calm and dignified way in which he has borne his official responsibilities.

ence to prevent the fitting out, arming or equipping, within its jurisdiction, of any vessel which it has reasonable ground to believe is intended to cruise or carry on war against a power with which it is at peace; also to use like diligence to prevent the departure from its jurisdiction of any vessel intended to cruise or carry on war against a power with which the neutral government is at peace.

It is an established principle of international law our government would vainly seek to buy ships in Great Britain and probably elsewhere in Europe and inasmuch as the principle when declared was a distinct concession to the United States this government cannot reasonably complain if it is now applied.

Philadelphia Times.

No party ever won the confidence of the people of this country by opposing war, and there never has been an issue between this country and another nation on which the people of the United States were so thoroughly united as they are in demanding for the administration all the money, ships, men and munitions of war.

Washington Star.

One of the most reassuring and at the same time significant signs of the times is the "get together" feeling that is being manifested by the members of congress, of all parties and factions.

Atlanta Constitution.

Still another good result of this threatened rupture with Spain will be the more complete unification of the American people.

New York Mail and Express.

Face to face with the outer world, the United States, the country where debate is freest, where differences of opinion are most freely expressed, is widest, where discussion knows no limit without dissent, without sectionalism, without discord.

Philadelphia Record.

There has seldom been a prouder demonstration of the fact that the many parties there may be in the country, insofar as the government's domestic policy is concerned, there is only one party when there is a threat of war with a foreign power.

Minneapolis Tribune.

Any foreign power which allows itself to be misled by the money which is frequently exhibited in the discussion of political expediency or other issues in the United States, under a belief that the people of this country would not be solidly united against a foreign enemy, makes a mistake which will cost it dear.

An Army of Heroes.

It is announced that President McKinley intends to give to Fitzhugh Lee a brigade in the event of war.

A UNITED PEOPLE.

Globe-Democrat: The year 1898 has witnessed a unanimous vote by both houses of congress for a splendid act of patriotism, and the people are ready to join congress in singing "America."

St. Paul Pioneer Press: It is doubtful if any legislative body known to modern history ever placed at the disposal of a nation's chief executive by a single act and with few limitations or specifications as to its use so large a sum as that which the American congress has just placed in the hands of President McKinley to be used at his discretion for the nation's defense.

New York Sun: The unanimous vote by which the house of representatives passed the national defense bill yesterday is honorable to the patriotism of that body and expresses the feeling of the whole country.

Chicago Record.

The unanimity of sentiment regarding the bill placing \$50,000,000 at the disposal of the president for purposes of defense shows the single-mindedness of the nation in the Cuban matter.

St. Louis Republic.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

Even if the turmoil in Austria over the question of language should be removed the troubles of the empire would not be at an end. The attitude of Hungary does not appear to have been changed and there seems to be but little likelihood that the bill extending the compact between Austria and Hungary will be passed.

Speeches in the House of Lords rarely attract attention, and scarcely anything occurs on the debates there. But Lord Roberts' speech a few days ago on the Afghan question was one of the few exceptions.

One more step toward the realization of Emperor William's dream of a big German navy was taken when the budget committee of the Reichstag unanimously passed the estimate for the new fleet.

Washington Star.

The English newspapers print summaries of the British forces existing or in preparation in the hinterlands of the Gold Coast and Lagos.

Chicago Record.

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A Serious Illness.

It's not worth inviting, when it may be avoided easily—But nothing is easier than to take cold in these uncertain March days and nights.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER.

The Royal is the highest grade baking powder. Actual tests show it goes further than any other brand.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

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Cincinnati Enquirer.

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