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Relieving the starving Cubans by starving out the people in Havana will be the first paradox of the war.

What has become of the yellow organs that only a few days back were accusing President McKinley of cowardice?

The inventors of bullet proof vests and cloaks are not saying a word now. Such inventions are effective only in a time of profound peace.

An exchange refers to Don Carlos as "the democratic party of Spain." That is rubbing it into him, though it may serve him right for having been so long in a critical and carping attitude.

If war were really the help to business that some of the delusionists imagine that nation would be most prosperous that kept itself most constantly embroiled in war.

If Nebraska cannot furnish its quota of 1,000 to 1,200 men on the call for troops for the war with Spain without an extra session of the legislature it must be in desperate straits.

Slot machine gambling still goes on in Omaha with the connivance of the police notwithstanding the anti-slot machine order which was issued by the police board with side tips that it is not to be enforced.

What would Governor Holcomb have done had the constitution framers accidentally mentioned the executive third in their list of government departments and made the order judicial, legislative, executive?

To those demerits who are envious of the popularity of General Fitzhugh Lee it has been suggested that they can make themselves popular by standing firmly by the administration and upholding the government.

A prominent Kansas populist declares that the populists of Kansas now own over 90 per cent of the wealth of Kansas. This much desired concentration of wealth in the hands of a few is evidently a game that several can play.

Now the soldier boys are receiving advice about being sure always to hold the water, not to sleep out in the "night air," never to drink anything stronger than soda water, etc. But going to war is neither a picnic nor a summer excursion.

The only way to get an adequate conception of what the Transmississippi Exposition is to be is to visit the grounds and inspect the buildings. Pen and picture can do a great deal, but they cannot do full justice to the wonders of the exposition.

A news item wafted from the southwest is a reminder that the United States has a number of Apache Indians held as prisoners of war, who with periodic regularity become restless and cause worry to the people living in exposed portions of the country.

There is nothing to stop anyone from camping out during a visit to Omaha this year or any other year, but it would hardly be the part of hospitality for Omaha to compel people to camp out who prefer to take advantage of good hotel accommodations.

An extra session of the legislature—impossible. How could the legislature transact business when all the officers, employees who mapped out its policy and turned its wheels have since been promoted from the position of ward healer to places on Omaha's reform police force?

It is not surprising that the Spaniards in New York prefer to remain there rather than go to Havana or any part of Cuba while Uncle Sam and the Dons are settling their little quarrel. Any American city is safe for any Spaniard or anybody else who shows that he appreciates the value of liberty and the purposes of a free government.

No license of any kind issued under city ordinance can afford any protection to any gambling resort. The keeping of gambling resorts is a felony under the state law and the uncollected operation of such joints with the knowledge of the police authorities is conclusive proof that they have been assured of police protection and are realizing upon that assurance.

WAR WITHOUT FORMAL DECLARATION

War may exist without a declaration on either side. In our war with Mexico two battles had been fought before the passage of the act of congress which recognized a state of war.

It appears probable that neither the United States nor Spain will make a formal declaration of war. The Spanish government, it is stated, regarded the ultimatum of this government as constituting a declaration of hostilities and the same view is understood to prevail at Washington in respect to the unceremonious breaking off of diplomatic relations by Spain.

The United States and Spain are now in hostile array and actual war awaits only the overt act. That may be expected at any hour and the anxious question is, who will strike the first blow? The naval and military authorities at Washington have arranged their plans and it is understood that they will be carried out with the greatest possible vigor and energy.

While Nebraska taxpayers will not shirk the legitimate burdens imposed upon them by war, they certainly object to an increase in the tax rate simply to fill the pockets of political patriots for revenue.

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COMMODORE AND CAPTAINS OF THE FLYING SQUADRON

Commodore Schley of the flying squadron will be ably assisted in every action by a brilliant staff of ship commanders.

There is encouragement for the beet sugar industry. The fact that the world's consumption of sugar last year showed an increase of 136,000 tons over the previous year.

Credit to whom credit is due. A self-confessed burglar has finally been arrested by the Omaha police.

The telegram of Governor Taylor of Tennessee informing President McKinley that the call for volunteers is awaited by both blue and gray concludes with a promise that "the fur will fly and the earth will tremble."

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On to Havana. In the throes of internecine strife, brother against brother, the commonwealth of this nation fought out the most stupendous war of all history.

Hit Hard and Quickly. The government, if it has the lessons of experience, will avail itself on the first call of all the good material offered without too many restrictions and distinctions.

Aspects of War. Hundreds of thousands of men now living are familiar with the name of the flying squadron without any suggestion from us how and terrible it is.

Speculating on the Campaign. A campaign to Cuba is expected by most to be as swift and efficient as Scott's in Mexico or Lord Wolseley's in Egypt.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. Weyler's opportunity to march that army through the United States seems to be approaching, but he is not seen to be making preparations for it.

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A LITTLE DIVERSION PREPARED BY A GOVERNMENT BUREAU

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BUILT FOR FUN

Indianapolis Journal: "So that absconding cashier, getting away by sneaking his beard, did not," asked the reporter.

Cincinnati Enquirer: The Heavy Villain—These things are not done rather by a statesman than an actor.

Brooklyn Life: Chilkot Pete—What is the matter with Dawson Dan?

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "The tocsin of war is sweeping the land like a tidal wave."

New York Journal: He—Yes, the women of today are occupying nearly every walk of life.

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ANSWERING THE ROLL CALL

Frank L. Stanton. Tals one fought with Jackson and faced the fight with Lee.

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