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DEATH OF VICE PRESIDENT HOBART.

The announcement of the death of Garret A. Hobart, vice president of the United States, is a cause of profound regret and sorrow to the people of this country.

Since his advent to the vice presidency, Mr. Hobart has exhibited admirable traits in the discharge of his official functions and what is most creditable became one of the trusted advisers of President McKinley upon the grave problems with which the administration has been confronted.

Personally the late vice president was a genial gentleman, approachable at all times to all classes. Above all things he was a level-headed man of business with a quick grasp of conditions and a deep insight into human character.

KEYNOTE OF THE CITY CAMPAIGN. Municipal ownership of public utilities is to be the keynote of the impending city campaign.

With few exceptions American cities either own their gas plants, their water works or their electric lighting plants.

The man with his winter's supply of hard coal in the cellar can contemplate the impending strike of the miners with complacency.

The Sixteenth street viaduct looms in sight at last. If the railroads mean business they will proceed with the building of the structure without further delay.

Deroudele declares that he loves the French republic. The man who kills the woman for whom he declares he has a consuming love is imbued with the same variety of affection.

A Providence man has been caught with his shoes full of pearls and they were not placed there as an act of penance.

The German kaiser leaves it to be distinctly understood on the occasion of his visit to his grandmother that while he might come to see her occasionally he had no intention of making England his favorite playground or of singing English songs to any alarming extent.

More hungry democrats are lined up than the Nebraska pie counter now than there are stools and there is not even a whole pie to distribute.

The democratic national committee proposes to organize a bureau for the purpose of convincing the people of this country that they are not prosperous.

The experiment of Captain Leary, governor of the island of Guam, in attempting to cure the case of chronic laziness with which the people are afflicted will be watched with interest.

Now that the courts have refused to enjoin the proposed compact between the city and the railroads as a condition precedent to the building of the Sixteenth street viaduct, all obstacles in the way of this much-needed improvement are practically removed.

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for self-government, affording them such guidance and direction as it properly may and as they are disposed to accept.

GERMANY AND ENGLAND. Although the German emperor and the German press insist that his visit to England is a purely personal or family affair and entirely without political significance, it is quite impossible not to regard it as having a bearing upon the relations between the two countries.

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ECHOES OF OUR WAR.

Ensign Walter Rockwell Gherardi is a ship of the old block. For the third time in three years the Navy department has officially recorded his bravery in the saving of life.

Several months later, while Gherardi was attached to the Texas, then at the Brooklyn yard, he plunged overboard dressed in uniform and rescued a drowning sailor.

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FOURTEEN MONTHS OF FIGHTING.

Review of the Losses Sustained by the American Army. We are just beginning to learn the real extent of our losses in the war with Spain and its sequel, the hostilities against the Philippine insurgents.

The killed in action in the time covered by the report numbered twenty-three officers of the regular army and seventeen officers of volunteers.

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