

PRESENT DAY THOUGHTS.

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Look and learn from the armed camp of Europe, where, by reason of false ideas of safety, the sons of the people are offered to the Moloch of militarism. It is a pitiable condition of disregard for the highest hopes and purposes of the young. If we compare the condition there with the one that prevailed here prior to April 1898, we have cause for the most justifiable pride. Though bleat with a population that has increased by leaps and now exceeds seventy million, though called on to guard 9,000 miles of coast line, and to control 3,557,000 square miles of territory, we have not found it necessary to maintain an army larger than 25,000. Even that number more than includes the venturesome spirits who were too restless to work, for it has been well understood that there has been great difficulty in even keeping the army up to a peace footing. We have proved that this handful was sufficient for our needs, and it has been cause for surprise in Europe, where, as previous letters have stated, the conditions are almost reversed.

We have done well to regard an army of being of minor importance. How ungenerally the instinct of our people has led us may again be learned by looking abroad. It would not be fair to intimate that these vast European armies are maintained in order to control the home population. That is far from true. Yet as the nation is made to feel that its very existence depends upon that of the army—much as a drowning man will clutch at any object even though it sink him—the army by transference of thought comes to regard itself in a wrong light. From a feeling of self-satisfaction there is the feeling of doubt regarding other means of national maintenance. Then grows up the tendency to repress the popular will and so, despotism. This is true of autocratic Russia, of Kaiseristic Germany, and of bureaucratic France. Our peaceful, energetic, useful nation has done well hitherto to refuse the temptation of a large army. So far, except during times of public danger, the army has been kept to police proportions and the common people have held their rightful positions as kings of our fate. As a nation of farmers, traders and mechanics we have been too busy to show our spirit of combat except at the time that it was needed.

But now we are at the parting of the ways, with no sign post to guide us except good sense. In less than six months we have been thrust out from theoretical isolation into actual involvement in the clashing interests of world-nations. Hawaii is ours already by peaceful cession. The Carolines and Ladrones are ours by seizure. The Philippines and Porto Rico are undoubtedly to pass under our control; and possibly the Canaries. Glorious and vain-glorious Spain is to be stripped of the last of her colonial vestments and, to save them all from the destructive anarchy of racial and religious jealousies the hand that freed must be the hand that manages after the freeing is effected. Suddenly called into military and naval activity by reason of Spain's wrong doing, our army has been increased twelve-fold and our navy has grown to include 285 vessels of all descriptions. It is not strange therefore that the nervous and fearful, who see the dangers in shadows and mountains in mole hills, and who confuse conquest and administration, should demand a greater increase of a permanent character in both army and navy.

To show how mistaken this clamor will prove to be, we need only to look at our own internal safety and quietude, and to see how it has been brought. Free speech, free press, free pulpit, and majority rule have led us safely along to the present. The wildest theorists have been able to expend their energies in talk instead of being repressed and forced to suppress martyrdom. And each and all of them has had the flickering light of a majority dancing along ahead and keeping them out of mischief. Also those who have had no theories, have been just content to live and move under happy conditions, though repression and injustice might under other circumstances have transformed their sweet content into the vitriol of revolution. Human nature is very similar wherever we go. The blood is red beneath the darkest skin. The heart can feel through the language is strange. If, therefore, in our new possessions we grant the reforms that are needed; if we deal fairly with poor, trembling wretches whose souls will rejoice at the faintest glimmer of rights, we shall have no serious difficulties with them. Successful administration in such a case and in practically all cases (a lesson Europe is slow to learn) consists in doing justice and showing religious toleration. Just men and upright in public positions at every point we control will be mightier for peace and for success than the most imposing army we can gather together. In fact, let it be said, we doubt the propriety of the United

States taking any outside territory if there is to be reliance on mere physical force for its retention. We have not been brought up with such weak, bolstered, crutched ideas of government.

This is not quixotic and visionary. It is the purest of national good sense. The quixotic thing is brief in the physical repression of a people. The discontented have never yet learned to be contented by being further outraged. Our own Indian experience ought to have taught us this. If our congressmen therefore yield to noisy and unreflective demands for the control of our new charges by men armed to argue with bullets, we shall not only place a large burden upon our own shoulders but come near to proving ourselves as unworthy as Spain to administer colonies. There is of course another aspect of the present demand for an increase of our army and navy. It relates to the fear of outside interference and the flinching from us of our new frontier trading posts. The groundlessness for this fear will also be touched on in our next.

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WAR NOTES IN BRIEF.

The Germans now want the United States to win.

Ponce is the most southern city in the revised United States geography.

Two of Admiral Cervera's officers paraded Annapolis Saturday whistling "After the Ball."

The people of Porto Rico have a great love for the United States and are anxious for annexation.

Lieut. Hobson says the cost of raising the Spanish warships at Santiago will be about \$500,000.

The Spanish ambassador at Rome says the war will continue if the United States persists in holding Porto Rico.

Thirteen submarine mines were picked up in Guantanamo bay, near Santiago, by the cruiser Marblehead.

Before the new war bonds reached the hands of buyers they were saleable at 103 and better, a premium of fully three per cent.

Our armies are moving ahead regardless of the uncertain peace intimations. If Spain is in earnest its proper course is to speak and act quickly.

The inhabitants of Ponce profited by the experience of Santiago, and sensibly accepted the inevitable without the unpleasant features.

Cuba, Hawaii, Porto and the Philippines offer an enlarged field for Americans in the future. Alaska need not fancy that it is the only auriferous pebble in sight.

England has decided that its new battleships must be good for eighteen knots. The Americans are at their old tricks again of revolutionizing the armies of the world.

It is estimated from the present rate of receipts that the new war tax will produce a revenue of \$175,000,000 a year. If peace comes soon the war debt will begin to melt away.

A movement has been started in New York for organizing a national league, whose object will be the furtherance of the project for bringing about an Anglo-American alliance.

Our Porto Rican neighbors will notice from Gen. Miles' proclamation that they are already in the fold of Uncle Sam. They rejoice to find themselves citizens of the great republic.

It seems that Admiral Camara has but one armored ship in good order, and that is the Empresso Carlos V. A fleet of one would have no business in Commodore Watson's neighborhood.

The Maria Teresa has been floated and could soon be put in shape for active duty. She has suffered a sea change which will greatly add to her prospect of future success, under another name.

The war department intends to bring the greater portion of General Shafter's army home as soon as possible, and it is said that a camp will be established at Montauk Point, the extreme eastern end of Long Island.

The campaign in Porto Rico leading up to the occupation of Ponce, cost the American army in casualties only four men slightly wounded. Our style of fighting shown at Santiago has not increased the Spanish appetite for more.

The only fortified port in Porto Rico is San Juan, and not more than three thousand fighting soldiers are on the island. The sentiment of the natives is entirely in favor of the United States and against Spain. There is plenty of food.

The Spanish garrison was surprised when we landed at Guanica and still more surprised when we occupied the city of Ponce without a fight. A stage of the war has been reached when the unexpected happens frequently on the Spanish side.

With its eyes on America the London Spectator is inclined to think that "with good officers and an able staff; three months' instruction turns out men competent to fight great battles." The theory is sound if the men are United States volunteers.

The captain general of Porto Rico reports to Madrid that the inhabitants are indifferent to the American invasion. This is an important admission. Gen. Miles will be welcomed by many of the people who are tired out with the Spanish incapacities.

When congress meets in December the president and Secretary Long will recommend an appropriation for the construction of three battleships and three armored cruisers at an aggregate cost of \$17,000,000, the vessels to be of the latest design, of high speed, splendidly armored and well protected.

When Gen. Merritt arrived at Manila he heard for the first time that Cervera's fleet had been destroyed, Santiago surrendered with 24,000 men and Camara's squadron recalled. Yet he was beyond the reach of telegraph only twenty-four days. The charge that the war is slow has been silenced.

Gen. Shafter recently appointed a prison commission to inspect the Spanish prisons. They were found to be in the most horrible condition. Prisoners were discovered in some of them who have been confined for years, without trial for crimes the maximum punishment for which under Spanish law would be two months.

A lady at New Brighton, Pa., has written to the navy department to suggest that the \$30,000 worth of melted silver which she heard had been found on the Maria Teresa at Santiago should be made into Souvenir spoons, and that she should receive the first one made. She believed, so her letter said that enough could be realized from the sale of such spoons, to build a torpedo boat destroyer.

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State of Nebraska, Webster County, ss. In the District court thereof, of the Tenth Judicial district. Nebraska Loan and Trust Company Plaintiff. vs. John McHale, Ann J. McHale, his wife, Aaron Conover, Gale Sulky Manufacturing Co., McCormick Harvesting Machine Co., Madison Manufacturing Co., A. Kopisch, first full name unknown, State Bank of Blue Hill and John Doe, real name unknown. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT.

The above named defendants John McHale and Ann J. McHale, and each of them are hereby notified that the above named plaintiff has filed in the above named court its petition against them and the other defendants named above; that the object and prayer of said petition of the plaintiff are to foreclose two mortgages bearing date the 15th day of May, 1890, executed by the above named defendants John McHale and Ann J. McHale, his wife, to the plaintiff; on the following described real estate situated in the county of Webster, state of Nebraska, to wit: The north-west quarter (1/4) of section thirty-four, (34) in township four (4) north, of range eleven (11) west of the 6th P. M. The said defendants are further notified that they, and each of them, are required to appear and answer said petition of plaintiff, on or before Monday, the 15th day of September, 1898, or said petition of plaintiff will be taken as true and a decree will be rendered against them, the said defendants and other defendants named herein, decreeing that the said mortgages and each of them, be foreclosed; that all the above described real estate shall be appraised, advertised and sold at public auction by the sheriff of said Webster county, to make and raise the sum of \$53,400 due to plaintiff on the said mortgages together with interest on said sum at the rate of ten per cent from the 15th day of September, 1898, and the costs of this suit and such other and said decree will further provide that you, the said defendants, and the other defendants named herein, and each of you, shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all equity of redemption and other interest in and to said real estate and any part thereof. NEBRASKA LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff. By JACOB BAILY, its attorney.

PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS.

In the District Court of the Tenth Judicial District, in and for Webster county, Nebraska. Emma J. Ducker, Plaintiff. vs. Francis Wobberlin, Defendant.

The above named defendant Wobberlin will take notice, that on the first day of August, 1898, plaintiff filed her petition in the above entitled court against him, the object and prayer whereof are the foreclosure of a mortgage deed given by said defendant to plaintiff on the 15th day of December, 1894, to secure the payment of a certain promissory note for the principal sum of \$500, with interest notes attached given by said defendant to plaintiff on said 15th day of December, 1894, on which there is now due \$600, which said mortgage deed was upon the real property to wit: The northeast quarter of section twenty-two in township one, range eleven west of the 6th P. M., in Webster County, Nebraska, which is recorded in "Book O" of mortgages at "page 87"; plaintiff prays therein that said defendant may be forever foreclosed of all interest in or title to said real property, that said real property may be sold and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction of said debt. Said defendant is required to answer said petition on or before the 15th day of September, 1898, or same will be taken as true and a decree passed accordingly. EMMA J. DUCKER, Plaintiff. RANDOLPH MCNITT, Attorney.

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