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TO THE PUBLIC.

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The war ship recently purchased by this government from Brazil cost Uncle Sam \$2,500,000.

The French minister for the colonies has refused the petition of the wife of former Captain Dreyfus to share his imprisonment on Devil's Island.

The confirmation of Powderly, the Romanist, is in accord with the policy of the administration to turn every department of the government over to the church of Rome.

It is absolutely certain that Spain will refuse to sell Cuba to, and also that the Cubans will refuse to be sold to the international syndicate now said to be formed for that purpose.

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Our able and eloquent fellow citizen, Hon. John L. Webster, is being energetically boomed for U. S. Senator by a large number of influential papers...

We have plenty of the March 4th issue. We can fill your order. Your friends should read the sworn testimony against the Roman Catholic House of the Good Shepherd at St. Paul.

The death of Mrs. John M. Thurston early this week, was a great shock to all the friends of the Senator. Her eloquent plea to the mothers of the north-land for aid for the suffering, starving and dying Cubans seems to have been the completion of her life-work.

This nation has nothing too good for the veterans of the late war, and it should not permit the most dependent to be subject to the control of a man who has once been adjudged unfit to be governor of a home, and removed.

An amusing incident which happened on Tenth street yesterday is told by one of our friends: Several of the Pope's Irish, who were perhaps a little the worse for too much St. Patrick's day whiskey...

The negro was too quick for his assailant, and by a deft movement landed him in the gutter. A second Irishman came to the rescue and he too was landed over the curb by the negro.

Our friend says that if that negro is looking for a job perhaps he can find a summer's work in his company.

IMPORTANCE OF TEACHING PATRIOTISM.

Mr. P. F. Pettibone, a valued member of the Chicago Board of Education, delivered an address before the normal school of Chicago, on Wednesday afternoon, February 23, 1898.

"Patriotism, call it a passion, an enthusiasm, a sentiment, a virtue, what you will; there may be other enthusiasms as strong and abiding, other passions as instinctive, other sentiments as elevated and elevating, other virtues as essential and salutary...

Graven above the hearthstone of the Union League Club, is the significant greeting and monition: "Welcome to loyal hearts. We join ourselves to no party which does not carry the flag and keep step to the music of the Union."

Are there then anywhere hearts disloyal? Do not all honor flag and Union? What relic is this, say you, of the long years when treason fought for the flag and the only music of the Union was the roar of the battles that saved her?

The flag is well and the music is well, but what though the music swells grandly out upon the same breeze that ripples into starry splendors the glory of the flag if ears are deaf to the mighty harmony and eyes glisten not at the vision what shall it avail? The flag must be carried. It must be borne high, and at the head of the grand army.

But Mr. Boutelle is not willing to play the buffer between the administration and people. He is acquainted with the deficiencies of the navy, and he will proceed upon the presumption that war will come and must be prepared for.

Edinburgh, Scotland, Feb. 12.—Joseph Slattery and his wife, the lecturing ex-priest and former sister of charity, who were mobbed at Savannah and other American cities, were charged at a police court here today with selling indecent books, purporting to be "an exposure of Catholicism."

DR. JEKYL AND MR. HYDE.

Congressman Boutelle Throws the Mask Off the Administration.

The following is an interesting bit of information which throws some light upon the supposed vigorous policy of the administration in the matter of the destruction of the battleship Maine. The staff correspondent of the Chicago Journal says:

Washington, March 16.—President McKinley has sacrificed, temporarily at least, the friendship of Congressman Boutelle, chairman of the house committee on naval affairs. The two have had a serious difference, and as a result the gentleman from Maine has announced that he will not in the future subject himself to censure and criticism by trying to carry out the vacillating wishes of the administration.

War and Honor, Not Peace and Shame.

The Washington dispatches of the Tribune state that Friday the president and his cabinet discussed three contingencies. The first was that the Maine was blown up by accident.

The second contingency—Considered the finding that the Maine was blown up by private persons without any action by the Spanish government, but leaving that government responsible for the acts of its citizens.

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There is also a well-defined intention on the part of the committee to provide men to work every ship that is in service now or that may later be impressed. There will be no limit placed on the number of sailors to be enlisted, because it is a fact that experienced mariners are hard to get.

The decision of Mr. Boutelle to go farther than the president ever dreamed of going was prompted by his reluctance to stand the brunt of abuse that should have been directed toward the administration.

Month after month would glide by and no conclusion would be reached. As fast as one point was disposed of Spain would raise another. It would be professing continually an earnest desire to reach a satisfactory conclusion that would keep the Lat hanging before the eyes of the American government.

The people want no disgraceful negotiations with Spain. Should the president plunge his administration into that morass he and his party would be swept out of power in 1900 by a fierce outburst of popular indignation.

A century and a half ago England declared war on Spain, one of the causes being that the commander of a Spanish coastguard vessel off Havana had cut off one of the ears of an English sea captain whose vessel he had overhauled.

Sunderland, Scotland, Feb. 28, 1898.—The American: In reply to your cablegram will say that the case will not be finished until the 12th of March. I will then give you the whole thing as well as a full account of my travels since I left America.

Commercialism vs. Patriotism.

That commercial spirit which believes that speculation is the chief end of man is gaining strength in this country. It is laboring to poison patriotism at the fountain. It seeks to make Americans believe that dishonor, shame, humiliation should be submitted to cheerfully sooner than that the stock market should be disturbed or the revelries of the '400' be interfered with.

Editor American: The case of Roberts, appellant, vs. Bradfield, involving the validity of sectarian appropriations by congress was set for hearing in the court of appeals tomorrow but has been continued for one week on account of the sickness and death of Dr. Bailey a brother of Mr. L. A. Bailey, who will appear with me in the case.

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Mr. Roys has nothing whatever to do with this case. His letter in the American of last week is misleading. "We" have no connection with each other.

Robbed by Roman-Irish. Dr. S. G. Stapp, who befriended the American's representatives, James E. Tracey and F. X. D. in the stormy six weeks they had passed here in 1894, was held up at the corner of O'Fallon and North Broadway at 8:30 o'clock Thursday evening, March 10, and robbed by one Tom Egan of a diamond stick pin valued at \$125.

Dr. Stapp, who is 57 years old, had just left this office, 1317 North Broadway, and was about to step upon the rear platform of the street car, when Egan, 25 years of age, struck the doctor a blow under the chin and upon his "Adam's apple" and wrenched from the former's neck his cravat containing the costly pin.

This degrading suggestion the acceptance of which would put the United States in the attitude of a man who opened negotiations with the ravisher of his wife, stating: "Let us see if we cannot settle this regrettable affair on a pecuniary basis," will be rejected indignantly by President McKinley.

Suppose the government were to demand a heavy money indemnity of Spain on the ground that the crime which has been perpetrated was the act of Spaniards who were not acting under instructions from their government then the United States would fall into the hands of the pettifogging, procrastinating Spanish diplomats, who are masters of the art of killing time.

The doctor prizes the stone for more than its intrinsic value. He won it from a republican friend on an election bet that Cleveland would be the next president after November, 1892. The doctor is a true American, not on the surface only, but to the core.

The doctor was a great help to Friend Tracey and myself in 1894. The way that he showed the true colors of a man every inch of him, and befriended us, we can never forget until death closes its dark door upon us.

The following is an extract from an address delivered by Priest T. H. Malone, of Denver, Colo., at Ottawa, Ill., March 16th, on the occasion of the Irish centennial celebrations of the revolution of 1798.

"The history of Ireland, sad and heart-rending in so many of its phases, inspires Irishmen and the sons of Irishmen to sympathize deeply with all people struggling to be free. Yet the horrors of war are so appalling that only the gravest reasons should impel any government to depart from the ways of peace.

"I did not vote for McKinley, but I gave willig expression on this occasion to the opinion that he seeks a peaceful solution of the difficulties that now threaten us simply and solely because he has at heart the best interests of the people—that of the artisan in the shop and the laborer on the street as well as that of the millionaire.

Whatever else the Irish are they are Roman Catholics first.

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