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Another passenger station under the Tenth street viaduct does not mean a union depot.

ought to remember that the official Amer. due diligence on the part of the authori-Ican war paint is not yellow in color.

If Klondlke excursionists are already will they be doing later in the season?

The blowing up of the Maine has been made the occasion for putting into the press dispatches more "magazine" literature than ever before.

The vellow flag sheet trents its two penny readers with a snap shot of a Cuban mob, but they will look in vain for a snap shot at the Bartley bond jury.

It may be noted in passing that the Bartley newspaper fence is more clamlike about the infamous Bartley bond verdict than it was about the conviction of the embezzler himself.

The Transmississippi Educational convention is meeting hearty encouragement from educators throughout the country. It must not be wanting in full measure of local support.

Organized and unorganized labor will chedule in force for laborers employed by the county.

Intimate that war would seriously eripa fact that every rational man must con- not be easy to overcome. cede to be true.

The absence of a river and harbor appropriation by congress this year will would if assisted by the government.

Can it be possible that the gang which runs the police really intends to close up the town and chase away the tiger, or is the raid on the Diamond simply a grand stand play to copper the pub-

Speaker Reed is said to make no concealment of his opposition to Hawaiian annexation. The great majority of the American people will make no concealment of their approval of the speaker's

Jim Dahlman's resignation from a way commission is again rumored. things that will be accepted as a reality when it is accepted by the state author-

The high bid on the new city funding bonds is a bld to loan money to the city of Omaha at 3.7 per cent interest. This does not look as if the city's credit were suffering under the present city administration as compared with its pred-

The United States must be represented at the Paris exposition. Even if courtesy to the French government, which ac cepted the invitation to participate in the World's Columbian fair, did not demand it, self-interest and national pride should stimulate the government to make an American exhibit.

The attempt made in Cleveland to regulate the membership of the Tippecanor club through the courts proved a failure. The club is now at liberty to expel the members who entered into negotiations with the popocrats to defeat the republican nominee for senator and if this is done the club will stand higher as a political organization.

It must be confessed that there are some advantages in the new method of nominating a candidate for mayor tried in an Iowa city, by which the question of a nomination was referred to the asof a caucus or convention. But the plan Commerce commission, went will never become popular.

postmaster and his child.

those who discuss the question of re- them to restore former conditions. sponsibility, but such as speak with authority as the exponents of international

law are not very far apart. it is the duty of the authorities responsible for the government of the harbor visited by a foreign public vessel to use to such government, such as submarine mines, torpedoes or other concealed means of defense. From this that journal concludes that should it be established that the Maine was blown up either through design or want of due diligence on the part of the authorities at Havana Spain's responsibility is complete and justifies the United States in resorting to deastle measures of redress. This view has been expressed also by

Professor Von Holst of the University of Chicago and in effect by Professor Woolsey of Yale, both of whom insist that a visiting war ship must be protected at ties in control of a harbor visited by a war ship. Professor Von Holst says that "any power that allows a ship of a returning disgusted with Alaska, what friendly nation to enter her harbor thereby implicity declares that it is safe to do so, fortified or not." Another authority says that the ports of a friendly nation are regarded as open to the pubernment, Spain would not be responsible if she had exercised reasonable dili-

gence to prevent such an act. It will be noted how important these for the protection of the Maine could not is all changed now and every half year be disproved. Manifestly here is a dif- shows improvement over the previous and the country at large should still be ficulty in the way of deciding the ques-It may be denounced as unpatriotic to tion of responsibility, in the event of its being shown that the disaster to the ple the exposition, but it is nevertheless | Maine was not due to accident, that will |

A COG SLIPPED SOMEWHERE

William Jennings Bryan passed through the city last evening en route from his home not prevent the Missouri river from at Lincoln, Neb., to West Point, Miss. He changing its channel just as often as it arrived by the Missouri Pacific train at 6:15 p. m. and left by an outgoing Mobile & Ohio train at 7:25 o'clock. He was met on his arrival by Mr. C. D. McLure and Chairman Sam B. Cook of the state committee, who entertained Mr. Bryan during his stay. The party took supper in a private dining room at the union station cafe. He shook hands with a few of the Terminal Railroad association employes, but aside from these persons, very few of the people about the station were aware of his presence.-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Were it not for the reliability of the source it would be difficult to credit this report. Think of Bryan being met at the depot by only two men! Think of the great Bryan disdaining the common people by taking his supper in a private \$2,000 do-nothing job on the state rail- dining room! Think of William Jennings Bryan remaining in St. Louis over Dahlman's resignation is one of those an hour without anyone outside of the

station employes finding it out! Where were those deafening cheers that greet him every time Bryan shows his face?

Where were the little girls who present him with flowers and sing "Bryan, Bryan, echo his name?"

Where was the tottering gray-headed man 97 years old who had walked thirty-three miles in a rubber-tired buckboard to grasp his hand before he died?

Where was the enthusiastic mother who had dragged her infant prodigy to the train platform that he might say in after years that he once laid eyes upon the only Bryan?

Where was the prominent but name less citizen who, after witnessing the struggles of the surging, scrambling mass of humanity, exclaimed: "Bryan may never be president, but he will always be nearer the hearts of the people than any man who ever occupied the presidential chair?"

Where can all these familiar per sonages have vanished? Can it be that they were all there but simply failed to be mentioned because of the unavoidable absence of Bryan's experienced official reporter?

THE RAILWAY RATE WAR.

The reduction by western railroads of passenger rates to points on the Pacific coast where these lines are subjected sembled spirits in the spirit world and to Canadian competition, as authorized the nominee named without the bother by the order of the Interstate effect yesterday, so that the rate war between American and Canadian that the sureties voluntarily agreed to The action taken at a mass meeting of lines is now fully on. Whether negroes in Chicago in regard to the Lake or not it will be a prolonged conflict, City lynching exposes a weakness in the with a further cuiting of rates, remains If there were any premium under the relation between the United States and to be seen, everything depending upon law coming to the bondsmen, condithe several states. The federal courts the course of the Canadian Pacific. It tioned on the faithfulness and honesty of cannot punish the offenders and yet it is a case where the local authorities will is a case where the local authorities will might be disposed to restore rates or to hesitated to exact it if he had retired and small investors of this country would be hardly do anything to meta out justice to come to some terms with the American honorably from office. Why then should prepared to take hundreds of millions of the fiends guilty of the murder of the lines, but there has been no indication the bondsmen expect to be released from the fiends guilty of the murder of the lines, but there has been no indication the bondsmen expect to be released from

to be more or less discussion of the ques- observe the long and short haul provis- it properly belongs. tion of responsibility, contributions to jon of the law and no relief would be which are already voluminous. Owing to given them. Now that the American

privilege of extra-territoriality recog- to aid Canada as against the United spread all over the south. nized by international law a vessel of States and that great damage is now bewar is entitled to the same immunity ing done to the commercial interests and inviolability which surrounds the of the country, especially to those of mercial bodies on the coast have been or by any hidden means of injury known against it which may have most import-

ant and far-reaching results. STEADY IMPROVEMENT CONTINUES. One needs but read the current news of the day to learn of the more prosperous times that have come to the people mercial agency that the year 1898 would can be had. be a banner year for Omaha and Nebraska is the opinion of everyone who has intelligently observed what is going suade the council to put the street on all about him. There is confidence in cleaning force in motion and have our European friends of the United States its anchorage and that there must be commercial circles, improving business thoroughfares swept regularly from now and unrivaled crop prospects. Not only until the close of the exposition, it will is prosperity here, but the promise for earn for itself the lasting gratitude of the future is of still better things to the community.

The recently compiled mortgage record for Nebraska the last two years tells a tale of prosperity that cannot be waved aside. The figures as they come from the bureau of industrial statistics show lie ships of all powers with whom it is that while the amount of city mortgages at peace, that they enter such ports un- released in 1896 exceeded the amount of der the protection of the government and the mortgages filed for the same year while they are permitted to remain there the farm mortgages filed exceeded in they continue under its protection. That amount the releases of the same class of government is bound to exercise due instruments. Last year the turn also diligence to protect them not only commenced with farm mortgages as well against its own subjects, but even as with city mortgages. The number of against the ships of a third state. Pro- farm mortgages released for 1897 exfessor Woolsey says: "If it were proved ceeded the number filed during the year that the explosion was caused by a by 3,964 and the sum total of releases Cuban, or an irresponsible Spaniard not exceeded the total of the filings by acting under the authority of the gov- \$2,923,526. Of city mortgages the number of releases outnumbered the filings by 2,531 and the total excess was \$3,670,-086. In both cases the releases during the last half of the year 1897 greatly brought to the attention of the homesceking authorities regard the question of "due exceeded the number in the first half of people from the eastern and central states. diligence" and obviously this is a mat- the year. Assuming the figures to be ter which no court of inquiry can deter- correct, less than two years ago the ownmine. Whatever may be the result of ers of city property were apparently borthe investigation in progress, an asser- rowing nearly as much as they were remember that it is a republican county tion by the Spanish authorities in Cuba paying in old debts and the farm owners with reserve statements which are not official board that has put an eight-hour that they had exercised due diligence were still going deeper in debt. This or fully authenticated. The admirable self-

> period. These are only a few of the straws pointing a steady improvement in the business situation in Nebraska, News comes from the state that farmers are preparing for another big crop, that the planting will be extensive this year, that the farms are better supplied with stock now than ever before, that irrigation projects are being pushed with confidence and that larger and finer herds of sheep and cattle are to be seen on the ranges than ever before. From the cities and towns of the state comes news of new industries and improvements and everything indicates greater commercial has not yet begun to find the measure of his and industrial activity and a more hopeful outlook for the future. The turn in affairs has been for the better and is neither delusive nor temporary.

THE CASE OF MR. CORBETT.

By the very decisive vote of fifty to nineteen the United States senate the Spanish soldiers are great fighters. It adopted the resolution of its committee was not very long ago that a Spanish colonel on privileges and elections declaring that the Hon. Henry W. Corbett was not entitled to a seat in the senate as a senator from the state of Oregon. In other words, it was decided that the appointment of Mr. Corbett by the governor, after the legislature had failed to elect a United States senator, was illight village your Spanish soldiers reached legal. The case was peculiar and therethey would all be run in by the police withfore the action of the senate is especially important as establishing a precedent. It will be remembered that the members-elect of the Oregon legislature met at the appointed time, but no organization was effected and without transacting any business whatever the members remained at the seat of government during the allotted term and then dispersed. The governor thereupon appointed Mr. Corbett to the vacancy in the national senate from Oregon. The case was very thoroughly onsidered by the committee on privileges and elections and received extended discussion in the senate, in which partisan feeling, it may be well to remark, had no part. The large malority against seating Mr. Corbett shows how strong is the sentiment that under whatever circumstances a legislature may fail to elect a United States senator appointment by the governor is not le gal. This instance, by which a minority of the members-elect of the Oregon legislature were enabled to deprive the state of a part of its representation in the national senate, furnishes another urgent reason in favor of electing senators by direct vote of the people.

The suit on the Bartley bond case does not involve the question whether the system of bonding public officers is a good one or a bad one. It arises from would be made very soon after a declarathe fact that that system is in force and make good any shortage in the accounts of the officer whose bond they signed.

concessions, apparently preferring to burdensome and will entail hardship? It may be weeks before the court of fight the matter out with the Canadian They cannot be released except at the inquiry has completed its investigation road, which inaugurated the rate cut expense of the taxpayers. The treasury and reported in regard to the Maine dis- ting doubtless believing that the Amer- shortage must fall on some one, and aster and meanwhile there will continue | facti roads would be compelled to strictly | therefore should be made to fall where

The opposition in congress to a national the fact that there is no precedent for roads have been placed in a position to quarantine law is not easily explainable most disreputable journalism that has ever such a case as that of the Maine there meet the Canadian rates it is not im- on its face. It was demonstrated afflicted this country. True, values are gradually recovering, but many were precipis necessarily diversity of opinion among probable that overtures will be made to last year that the only way to meet a threatening plague is with the most rigid Meanwhile the sentiment in favor of inspection and differentiane, and this can-ling rumors which were the growth of fiendaction by the government withdraw- not be secured through state laws or ing the valuable concessions to the Ca- local regulations. During the epidemic ations in connection with this matter. Chamber of Commerce of Portland, Ore-One relates to the privilege of extra- gon, has passed resolutions urging con- against each other, and there was conterritoriality and the other to the ques- gress to withdraw the bonding privilege. flict between the various states, and but letter, evidently assuming that even in the standard of the exposure of this unexampled face of the exposure of this unexampled tion of "due diligence." The Army and declaring that the Canadian Pacific is for the fact that the epidemic started late face of Navy Journal contends that under the making use of advantages enjoyed by it in the season the disease would have

Put down another credit mark to the person of an ambassador and therefore the Pacific coast states. Other com- has voted down a proposition to make a display line that "Spain must pay or fight." appealed to to take similar action and month's salary. It is to be hoped this four-column display to amounce weat every it is more than probable they will do so. decision against unearned pay will stand due diligence that such vessel is not in-jured by any violence of the inhabitants ation promises to stir up an agitation to permit it to be smuggled through in the course of the Canadian corpor-to permit it to be smuggled through in the course of the canadian corpor-ation promises to stir up an agitation to permit it to be smuggled through in the course of the canadian corpor-to permit it to be smuggled through in the course of the canadian corpor-ation promises to stir up an agitation to permit it to be smuggled through in the course of the canadian corpor-to permit it to be smuggled through in the course of the canadian corpor-ation promises to stir up an agitation to permit it to be smuggled through in the course of the canadian corpor-to permit it to be smuggled through in the course of the canadian corpor-to permit it to be smuggled through in the course of the canadian corpor-to permit it to be smuggled through in the course of the canadian corpor-to permit it to be smuggled through in the course of the canadian corpor-to permit it to be smuggled through in the course of the canadian corpor-to permit it to be smuggled through in the course of the canadian corpor-to permit it to be smuggled through in the course of the canadian corpor-to permit it to be smuggled through in the course of the canadian corpor-to permit it to be smuggled through the canadian corporhours of the short session.

> The business men may figure that each merchant is bound to be caught with so many advertising fakes each year, but that is no reason why he

If the Real Estate exchange can per-

His Heart in the Right Place.

President Paul Kruger's whiskers may be ut bias, but his heart is all right, as indiated by his telegram on the Maine disaster. No Place for Decent Fish.

Among the reasons given by some of the not blown up by a torpedo is that no dead fish were seen floating near the scene after the explosion. If the waters of Havana harbor are as fifthy as they are represented to be no self-respecting fish could live in them; but a little matter of that kind is not likely to trouble an expert who has a theory.

South Dakota and the Exposition.

The citizens of South Dakota are waking up to the necessity of having the state represented in the Transmississippi exposition im Omaha, and it is not unlikely that a proper showing will be made. It has been several years since conditions warranted an effort of this sort, but there is no longer any question about the value and variety of the

Stand Behind the President.

It is just as important now as it was in the first hours of the Maine disaster not to form premature conclusions and to accept restraint and sobriety which have distinguished public men, responsible journals continued. knowledge or the report of the board of siquiry every consderation of patriotism and interest urges that this attitude should be

Grabbing Chinese Bonds.

London rises to the new Chinese loan like a trout to a fly or a pike to the exposed bullfrog of the marsh. Half of it, amounting to about \$40,000,000, issued at 90, was fully subscribed for one day this week, and there is no doubt that the other half, to be offered a week hence, will go off with equal celerity There are the best of political reasons who England should take up the loan, nor is there any doubt that under judicious managemen John Chinaman is perfectly good for it. resources, which will be practically limit-less as soon as he adopts the industrial and business methods of the west which he is now proceeding to do as rapidly as circumstances will permit.

Cooling a Boastful Colonel.

It is hard to convince an American who has kept watch of the war in Cuba that in Cuba was bragging of what he could do with his regiment. He declared that he with his regiment. He declared that he could land at Key West and march straight to Washington, Baltimore and New York. General Bradley T. Johnson of this city heard the Spaniard's boast and assured the don that he was very much mistaken. "We Americans," said General Johnson to the colonel, "are the most orderly people in the world-se orderly, in fact, that at the out any fighting at ull." The Spanish colonel had no more to say.

GOLD COMING FROM EUROPE. Significant Movement of Sound Money

to This Country. Kansas City Star The gold which people of the United States have been permitting foreigners to use for some months past is beginning to come home. Arrangements were made Saturday for the shipment of \$2,000,000 from Paris and London to this country, and the state of the foreign exchange market indicates that a good many millions more are likely to come within the next few weeks. Under ordinary onditions the movement at this season of the year has been the other way, and inter-national bankers have accumulated a large credit balance abroad to meet the demand for spring remittances. This credit balance in favor of the United States is greater than ever before, and probably amounts to some-thing like \$100,000,000. Bankers in this country have found it more profitable to leave this money loaned out abroad than to

have been low. The present import movement is partially due to London purchases of stocks in the United States, but the principal motive for it, probably, is the desire of capitalists in the United States to be ready to take gov ernment bonds, in case it should be necessary for this country to make large expenditures for the maintenance of the army and navy on a war footing. If war should be declared, it would be necessary to enor mously increase the government expendi-tures, and though there is a large cash re-

serve in the treasury at the present time, the administration could not afford to draw

on that to the extent of encroaching on the

gold reserve, and therefore a bond issue

bring it to the United States, where it has

tion of war.

War in this age is largely a matter of money. Naval equipments are expensive The first flerce coslaught usually decides the conflict, and millions expended at the start would be more economical, in the long run, than any attempt to keep down expenses that

might result in a prolongation of war. There is not the least likelihood that, is their funds home from Europe now, to that the latter are disposed to accept any their obligations simply because they are prepared for what may come.

YELLOW KID WAR SCARE.

Week of Journalistic Hysteria and the Results.

Philadelphia Times The convulsive war scare of last week, caused by the climax of the yellow kid jourpalism in inventing the most appalling rumors of war, ran a very brief course, but the security holders of the country paid not itated into bankruptcy by the sudden finan-cial convulsion produced by the most start-

ish or imbecile invention.
Strange as it may seem, the yellow kid war journalism that produced the panic that continued to publish every morning the most sensational and disturbing war rumors in job prostitution of journalism, the people will continue to welcome yellow kid war falsehoods, and greedily purchase papers which publish them.
One of our yellow kid imitators in this

city yesterday published a 7 o'clock edition republican house of representatives. It announcing in flaming letters: "Maine's present to the house employes of an extra Another of our yellow kid imitators took a choolboy could have guessed, that "If foul play is proved, the administration will probthree-column display in job type to announce any form either now or in the closing the obvious falsehood that "divers again report that it was not an accident."

War with Spain has been possible at any time during the last year, and from a single cause. From the day that Spain appreciated the fact that her armies cannot conquer the Cuban insurgerits, a war with this country has been possible, and even probable, to enable Spain to give up Cuba on an equitable of Nebraska as well to the American should not take ordinary precautions basis of compensation without revolution at people generally despite calamity prediction to be caught himself. Advertising home. That has been the one source of tions of popocratic orators. The opinion in reputable and responsible newspapers danger to the peace of the two nations for more than a year past. It is the one source danger to the peace of the two nations for expressed by the local manager of a com- is the only full value advertising that of danger to the peace of the two nations

It is barely possible, but hardly within the range of probability, that a war between average intelligence now pretends to say that a mine could have been exploded under our wer ship, as a mine capable of producing the damage done to the vessel would have been destructive of everything within a possible that a torpedo may have been exbloded under the Maine and caused internaexplosion to produce the terrible wreck of ur magnificent war ship, but there is hardly the cemotest possibility that if a torped caused the destruction of the vessel, the factors be established with sufficient clearness to warrant a demand from this government upon Spain for restitution.

If it shall be shown that our war vesse was destroyed by an accident for which the made for such restitution, but it can be made only upon grounds so clearly estab-lished as to command the approval of the civilized nations of the world. War might result from a dispute between the two gov ernments as to the responsibility of Spain but that could not be until diplomacy had been exhausted to adjust the issue.

There is yet danger of war with Spain but the danger is in the single cause we have before referred to. When war shall come, the actual cause of the war, whatever may be the ostensible cause, will be the neces sity of Spain to accept war with the United States to save Spain from revolution. That revolution would be precipitated in Spain the day that the question of surrendering Cuba is seriously considered by the Spanish government, is not doubted, and as Spain cannot possibly conquer the Cuban insurgents, we have long regarded an ultimate war with Spain as the only solution that ers have not overlooked it. government can find for the Cuban prob-

We regard the immediate danger of war as less today than it was one month ago, because our government is vastly better preand because both governments have bee compelled to face the war question in the sobcrest way during the last week. Neither Having wisely started with a government desires war. The United State etermination to await accurate and assured | will not precipitate war unless there is no way of avoiding it with honor, and Spain will not force war unless it shall become a choice between war with the United States and revolution at home. Thus while war might come suddenly any day, there is no reason to apprehend danger of immediate war with Spain, and if Spain can escape lomestic revolution without was against the United States, the peace of the two nations will not be broken.

CAN SPAIN AFFORD IT?

Philadelphia Press

onsequences of a Collision with the United States.

The Spanish Ministry and public are carcely considered by Americans in discussing the chances of collision between the United States and Spain, but the presen Spanish situation is the most serious and perilous element in all the various factors which make for peace or war, Spain is so nearly bankrupt and her re

sources are so nearly exhausted by the Cuban struggle that most Americans deem war next to impossible on the part of the peninsula. In addition, the Spanish navy is notoriously inefficient and the Spanish arm almost worthless. Individual courage the Spaniards have. History has no finer in stances of headlong courage than occur is Spanish annals. The idea that Spaniards will not fight is nonsense, but in the century since Wellington recorded the brutal judgment that his dispositions must be made exactly as if he had no Spanish troops, be cause in action they were worse than worth-less, there has been no reason to revise this opinion. Spanish arms have had no success in a certury and Spain in that time has been twice invaded without appreciable re sistance from the Spanish army. While impotent in organized warfare, Spaniards possess both pride and individual courage. Fail-ure in Cuba has been an intolerable national liegrace. The monerchy is in grave danger. No Spanish public man can permit himself to be associated with the surrender or loss f Cubu. It is doubtless if the throne would stand the shock of such an event. A short war with the United States could not injure Spanish credit, because it is gone. An Amerlean knyasion of Spain is deemed out of the question. Spain has so mercantile marine Many Spaniards from those near the throne down undoubtedly feel that the dynasty would be safer and the position of the rate tion improved before Europe if Cuba wer lost at the end of the war with a power five times the size of Spain than if the is land wrenched itself free and left Spain im potent, exhausted and discredited.

The practical result of this is that if the

Maine disaster ends in a diplomatic demand for indemnity Spain is in a situation and Spanish public opinion in a posture which may make it practically impossible for a Spanish ministry to do anything but refuse and court war as the best way to reach de-feat without disgrace. Granted that the Maine was blown up by negligence on the part of the local authorities, an adjustment would be far easier with any one of the six great European powers than with

The big country could pay the bill and be done with it. Spanish pride and prej-udice are exactly of such a type and tem-per as to make frank reparation dangerous for any ministry, and perhaps impossible If our government, therefore, is forced to ask some reparation, the consequences may be most serious, not because our claim was not just, but because a powerful party in Spain has long urged war with us as the best way out of a bad business.



MAKING LIGHT OF IT.

Boston Globe: Many of those who are eager for a war with Spain are young men who do not know from living memory the agony of suffering that war implies. When Freedom from her mountain height unfurled her banner to

the air, she yelled: "Those Spaniards I will fight!" Said Billy Mason: "Put her there!" Cleveland Plain Dealer: Spain has placed an order in this country for 3,000,000 cartridges. It would be grimly odd if Americans should be shot at with ammunition of their own make.

St. Louis Republic: It was all right for the Spaniards in Havana to have a big dance following the destruction of the Maine. They may thereby be in more nimble trim when Uncle Sam asks them to dance to another tune. New York Commercial: The truth of the

matter from Congressman Cannon's stand-point is that "many of the men who are loudly shouting for war are agonizing to shed their blood in selling supplies to the government. Chicago Tribune: It is some satisfaction

to learn by a dispatch from Havana that a to learn by a dispatch from Havana that a that of a battlesarp, one, the added weight "package of chewing gum has been raised may be as much or more, the added weight from the wreck of the Maine." It indicates going to machinery and fuel, thus giving that some progress is being made toward raising the vessel's cargo.

"maimed sailor" denies that he ever said rate of speed for sea-going vessels and anything about a torpedo approaching the the highest possible steaming radious. She Maine. Nobody ever thought he did except the hypnotized victims of yellow journalism. qualities for fighting vessels. Her guns The story was a humbug on its face.

Springfield Republican: Still another absurd rumor of the last few days is that Spain shields at the gun positions. has substantially effected a combination of Gunboats have 2,000 tons or less displace-South American republics against the United States. But Mexico, Venezuela and Brazil, it is said, will not join, which relieves one's fears enormously.

Chicago Record: It is unnecessary for Uncle Sam to go to the expense of hiring divers to go to the bottom of the sea to find out how the Maine happened to blow up. He can just row ashore and ask the yellow correspondents under his protection in Havana hotels. Brooklyn Eagle: If the man who saw the

orpedo approaching that destroyed the Maine wishes to argue his point with the man who saw the mine that had been laid Spain and the United States can result from the loss of our war vessel Maine. No one of argument may be carried on in shirt sleeves and we do not care a rap which wins.

Toledo Bee: Yes, Johnny, run along and get your gun. Polish up your armor. Pack your haversack. Put on your bullet-proof chest protector and a few porous plasters. radius of 1,000 feet or more. It is barely Get your corns trimmed for marching. Load your canteen to the very neck. Kiss your weetheart goodby and report instanter. So get ready below there! Draw the draw-bridge! Let fall the portcullis! Close the Close the windows and shut all the doors! Hoist the peop-deck to the top-gallant jib-jabber! Ship he rudder and make fast the anchor to the jurricane hatchway! Reef the roof, haul aft the belaying plu, but let the flying jiblet stay! Now, every man to his hitching post Let not a dastard duck or dodge! The Blade Spanish government is fairly responsible for has declared war. So, Johnny, get your gun!

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Jerry Simpson is by no means the only orator in whose eyes wealth is an unpardonable sin only until he is able to commit the

same sin himself. Assistant Secretary Reosevelt has received \$1 from a little girl in Connecticut, who says she wants him "to give it to some poor little girl that lost her papa on that dreadful

Congressman Benton, of Missouri, owing scarlet fever in his family, is bottled up his home at Washington the Board of Health, which forbids him to leave his premises. General Merritt, on his tour of inspection southern fortifications, went in

clothes, but took his uniform and sword with him. This has significance, and the reporthas been sued for \$63 for professional serv-tees by a physician, enters a counter claim

for \$100 for time wasted in entertaining him when he was making his visits. Thomas Wentworth Higginson writes that "when Wendell Phillips was speaking more tamely than usual the young abolitionists used to slip to the back of the room and start a hiss. It never failed to rouse him." Jules Verne says that his famous "Around the World in Eighty Days" was suggested to him while he was studying a tourists advertisement, and that most of his etories have had their beginnings to such small

brother to the French in order to ascend the throne, goes about his capital in a gorgeous chariot, smoking immense cigars and wearng a prodigious Roman helmet. The chariot drawn by the ministers of state. The children of General John A. Rawlins

eve in their possession a sash on which is l written: "Presented to General John A. Rawlies, my chief of staff and confidential friend. This sash has been worn by the the entire time from the battle of Shiloh to the fall of Vicksburg. U. S. Grant, general United States army. Representative Hepburn of Iowa has or

four important occasions chosen Washing on's birthday as the day of his arrival in Washington. His first visit was made on that day; he arrived on February 22 to at tend the inauguration of President Lincoln when he was made solicitor of the treasur he arrived on that date, and again his arrival for the inauguration of President Harriso was on the same day.

The presence of a midshipman named Far ragut on board the Vizcaya ought to modif he judgment of those who pronounce al spaniards treacherous and cowardly. The panish midshipmate comes from the Bale aric Isles whence sprung the ancestors of our greatest naval commander, whose fathe vas once a Spanish officer. Farragut had a Spaniard for a father, but for all that to great admical was a thorough-going American, if ever there was one. An unusual special pension claim is about

to be paid by the government. It is for a widow of Lieutenant Michael Moore, who died in Brooklyn last year at the age of 98. He had served continuously in the United States army for eighty-five years and is be lieved to have broken a world's record in this particular. He enlisted in the regular army as a drummer boy at the outbreak of the war of 1812. His widow writes that she is not the young wife of an old soldier, but is 82 years old, and when her husband died they had been married sixty-three years,

NAVAL TERMS DEFINED.

A Timely Explanation for the Bens-Buffalo Express.

In these days when everyone is talking f war, there is much confusion in the public mind over the terms battleship, cruisers, gunboats, torpedo boats, dispatch boats and the like. A gunboat is popularly considered anyone of these different classes, and few people are able to define the difference be-

Let us first consider a battleship. Such a ressel is designed for withstanding heavy fighting with the least possible damage to herself. Her offensive and defensive elements must be so proportioned as to produce the most formidable vessel possible on a given displacement. A first class battleship has more and heavier gues and armor thon a second class, and is naturally a larger vessel. Classes, it may thus be seen, are purely arbitrary.

Crusers are armored and protected. Those of the first division carry a moderate amount of armouc, confined mostly to gun positions and deck. The offensive and defeasive power of such a boat is less than that of a battleship, but ther displacement her a higher rate of speed and an ability raising the vessel's cargo.

Isan Francisco Chronicle: And now the The protected cruiser must have the highest are seldom more than six-inch, but are rapid fire. She has an armored deck and

ment and are designed for service in rivers and shallow waters where no considerable force would be likely to be met. They have little armor, a moderate battery and do not pocaces high speed.

In torpedo boats everything is sacrificed to extreme speed. They have no defensive power, and their safety depends entirely on their ability to get within range of the formidable vessels to be destroyed by torpedocs, fire and get away again before being observed or very soon thereafter. While nearly all modern vessels of war carry eing observed torpedoes these carry nothing except tor-pedoes, save a few machine guns to repel small boat attacks.

Dispatch boats are not armored, and are not considered as fighting ships. They have some means of delense, but their chief use is to carry dispatches to or from the fleet in the shortest possible time.

MERRY MARCH BREEZES.

Chicago News: "Julius, if we have war with Spain, will you go and leave me?"
"Yes, dear; I'll start at once for the Klondike."

Brooklyn Life: "Your majesty," said the cannibal king's chef, "there is among the prisoners a native of Scotland."
"Good!" replied the dusky monarch.
"Serve him sizzling from the broiler, I have often wondered what a hot Scotch tastes like."

looking all over town for you."
"So I understand; but I'm keeping under cover. It must be that I owe him money or that he wants to owe me some." Somerville Journal: When a woman really oves her husband, she is willing even to year a mustard plaster for him when he

Philadelphia North American: "Jones is

Washington Star: "What intensely red hair that young man bas!" exclaimed Maud. "I'm surprised that you seem to like him so well." "Oh," replied Mamie, "I don't like him yery well. I never invite him very well. I never invite him to anything but pink teas."

Somerville Journal: "And if I marry you. what then?" she asked.
"Oh, come," said he, carnestly, "let's not borrow trouble."

Indianapolis Journal: "We want to do

A young woman of Kingston, N. Y., who age: 's birth ay," said the shoe clerk board r. "Give him a banquet at a hotel," suggested the Cheerful Idiot. "That would be an inn-ovation." Chicago Tribune: "When I reflect that the Father of His Country could not tell a observed the professor, coming out of

ile," observed the professor, coming out of his brown study, "and when I note how many generations have passed away with-out producing anybody like him in that re-spect. I am impelled to the conclusion that what we call atavism is merely fortuitous and in no sense the cropping out of an in-herited tendency." Detroit Free Press: "A good name is bet-

vents.

The king of Dahomey, who betrayed his rother to the French in order to ascend the hrone, goes about his capital in a gorgeous hariot, smoking immense cigars and wearing a prodigious Roman helmet. The chariot

Cincinnati Enquirer: Mrs. Ferry-That husband of Jenny McCluezer's is the most heartless wretch I ever heard of. Mr. Ferry-Really, my dear, you seem indigmant.
"Who wouldn't be indigmant on hearing of a man who was trying to train his baby to cry every morning at 6 o'clock, so that its father won't oversleep himself."

THE IMPENETRABLE SECRET.

From Adam's arrival in this wicked world.
To the wonderful age we are in.
Our wise men have shattered some pretty
hard nuts. And also committed much sin, but one of the problems that's baffled

And has put all their science to rout, s something concerning the sex we adore, What a woman is thinking about. Her eyes may be laughing at something We wear, And her face may be solemn as death; Her tongue may be wagging on forty-odd themes

themes
Till she's really gasping for breath;
But the wisdom and science of all the
world
Isn't able to clearly find out
What flits through her mind, or can even What a woman is thinking about,

Her lips may be saying a host of sweet things,
And her eyes with true love be enshrined; Her lover may think that he knows every thought In her gentle and feminine mind;

But the very next breath her mood is transformed. And she's having a mystleal pout; All, all of love's legic cannot make it What a woman is thinking about.

"He that buys That he does not want, Will soon want What he cannot buy."--Old Proverb.

You do not have to take what you do not want here. You get your money back if you are not wholly satisfied.

There is this trouble, however, and that is that you are sure to want what we show you. We admit that there's a certain temptation offered to all of our visitors. That cannot be helped. Our clothing is attractive.

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