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MAINE REPORT IN CONGRESS.

In transmitting the report of the naval board on the Maine disaster to congress President McKinley made no suggestion or recommendation in regard to it.

It seems safe to conclude, therefore, that the United States will have to be satisfied with whatever course of action the Spanish government shall be pleased to take.

The condition of the streets of Omaha must improve very materially between now and the first of June if it is to hold its reputation as one of the best-paved and cleanest cities in America.

The cost of building and building materials is reported 10 per cent higher now than a year ago.

No exposition in this country has ever managed to get along more amicably with the workmen than has the Transmississippi.

The president is reported to have said recently to a persistent office seeker that "the man who feels that he cannot wait for a postoffice appointment at a time like this does not deserve the place and will not get it."

It cannot be pleasing to the New Englanders to observe the southward movement of the American cotton textile industry.

Having forced the city to reduce the market stall rent once by a threatened lawsuit, the market gardeners' combination now wants to dictate terms still more favorable to themselves and more unfavorable to the city.

Most of the outcry against immigration to the United States is without cause. Only about 200,000 Europeans now annually seek homes in the United States, and the immigration to the Argentine Republic is nearly equal to this.

Two states are preparing to build new capitol buildings. Pennsylvania will erect a new one on the site of the one that was burned last year in Harrisburg.

THIS LEGALIZED PIRACY UNDER THE SPANISH FLAG.

That it would have many others for this purpose from nearly all quarters of the world is certain. But Spain would have to respect neutral vessels and neutral goods.

Whenever any branch of humanity or section of country is afflicted with great disaster, caused either by accident or by elements, a tidal wave of human sympathy goes forth to the distressed.

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Fighting Blood is Up. Japan is getting ready for war, and the clouds of hostilities over England.

Commendable Official Secrecy. Though it has been over a month since the destruction of the Maine, there has been no word from the court.

Extent of Life Insurance. Returns from the life insurance companies of the United States, compiled by the Spectator of New York, show that they had in the end of 1897 an aggregate insurance of \$2,309,478,661.

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MAXIMUM RATE DECISION.

Severe Blow to the Policy of Legislative Regulation. When the decision of the federal supreme court in the famous Nebraska maximum freight rate case was handed down the summary of it given in the press dispatches from Washington indicated that the opinion merely reaffirmed principles enunciated in former decisions.

Justice and Mercy. Intervention with ration is a new thing under the sun, but starvation is at work in Cuba, and the United States will not omit the deeds of mercy and charity, along with those of decisive justice.

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The Lincoln Journal is still distressing itself over the canon that the exposition proposes to pay The Omaha Bee \$800 a page for a four-page illustrated supplement.

BEHIND RUSSIA, AND THE BITE OF STATUARY CAST IRON.

There has been a good deal of rivalry between the British and American builders of locomotives, the former claiming the advantage both in speed and durability.

HIGHER LAW OF HUMANITY. The action of our government in dealing with Spain should be frank, open, honorable and really, there should be no feigning or pretenses.

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