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RECOGNITION OF INDEPENDENCE.

It is extremely doubtful whether congress will assent to any arrangement between the United States and Spain that does not provide for the independence of Cuba. It is unquestionably the practically unanimous sentiment of the American people that Cuba should be free and they are not disposed to regard with favor any proposition involving the perpetuation of Spanish sovereignty in that island.

Recognition of Cuban Independence

would mean war. There can be no doubt of that. The passage by congress of a resolution such as was introduced by Senator Foraker and its approval by the president would certainly be regarded by Spain as a cause of war.

STANDING UP FOR HOLLAND.

When Governor Holcomb appointed Robert E. Lee Herdman to be police commissioner a year ago he said he appointed him to the short term purposely in order that he might retire him at the end of a year. He gave it out that if the democrats should win in the then impending city election, thus giving them, counting the mayor, three votes out of five on the board, he would consider it right that the republicans be accorded representation or that his own party, the populists, have equal representation with the democrats.

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THE NEW CORTES.

The elections for the lower house of the new Cortes resulted in the choice of about the liberal or government majority that Sagasta had estimated and the election of senators, which will take place on April 10, will also result in the choice of a majority of liberals.

HOME LIFE HERE AND ABROAD.

There is a wholesome and instructive sermon in a letter recently sent to the State department by the United States consul at St. Gall making a comparison of social conditions among the wage earners of Europe and America.

American workmen means simply that they cannot afford to live as well, that they submit to inconveniences and discomforts and that their food is not as varied and choice.

The Spanish workmen who think the southern states would co-operate with Spain in case of war will do well to keep out of the southern states.

Collapsing of a Trust.

The abandonment of the tripartite combination is followed by a cut in price to \$3.70 for 100 pounds of the imported cotton, being greatly affected. The incident is proof that a customs duty does not necessarily involve a trust and that domestic competition is not necessarily a monopoly.

Overlooking the Beam.

Since the infamous Postmaster Baker burning the shooting stars in Carolina four or five weeks ago there have been fourteen murders committed by mobs in the southern states, and it is needless to say that all the victims were negroes.

Money in the Banks.

The people of the United States are wealthy and have faith in the government. There is no reason to believe that the controller of the currency, which states that the individual deposits in the banks now aggregate more than \$2,000,000,000, being the largest amount ever recorded in the history of those institutions.

Base Ingratitude.

That decayed representative of Spanish nobility, the duke of Veragua, has been following the example of De Lome and expressing his contempt for the American people, whom he says, "Mr. McKinley, of you inspire with confidence. He thinks himself the first statesman of the world. He is proud and haughty and never looks at him but as a Napoleon, when in reality he is an ignorant squire."

Business Hinting.

The war scare has not checked the importation of gold, but it has checked business operations dependent on the future, a condition that is clearly reflected by a decrease in bank loans and deposits of \$10,000,000 in five weeks.

CRITICISM OF THE PRESIDENT.

It is said that President McKinley has become tired of congressional criticism and has thought of asking congress to either take the Cuban question and settle it in its own way or leave the executive free and untrammelled. The president is probably not disturbed by the criticisms of political opponents, but may naturally feel hurt at the fault-finding of political friends.

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Taken as a whole, March has been after all more lamb-like than lion-like.

That school board committee appointed to report on neglected school fund resources should wake up.

The business of the true diplomat is to uphold the dignity of his country and avoid war if possible without dishonor.

The weather bureau has ruled that it is illegal to bet on the weather. Coming as this does in the month of March there will be no dissenting opinion.

For having introduced popcorn into Paris the whole Buffalo Bill show ought to be admitted to honorary membership in the American Maize propaganda.

It is reported that Spanish filibusters are sneaking along the Texas border of Mexico. If so, the Texans may be left to care for all such bands in their own inimitable way.

The effort to make Alaska a prohibition country will fail. As well try to keep the men out of the gold valleys as to keep them from securing something to drink aside from the Yukon water.

The German protectionists may require that American horses be labeled or even branded, but American tourists will continue to ride all over the fatherland so long as American bicycles go in without microscopic inspection.

The Iowa legislature is of the same opinion as the people of Iowa—namely, that it would have an eternal reproach to the Hawkeye state not to have provided for a creditable representation at the Transmississippi Exposition.

With Chauncey M. Depew as president of the New York Transmississippi Exposition commission, the Empire state may safely be counted to keep well to the front. Everything Mr. Depew is connected with holds a place in the first rank.

The Denver school board has ordered a special school census because the school principals failed to enumerate as many pupils as Denver people think they ought to have. Usually the school census shows too many pupils to suit the school board.

The city authorities must not overlook the fact that the great majority of the exposition guests will be making their first visit to Omaha this summer and will require every facility to keep their bearings. The street signs and house numbers must not be neglected.

A township treasurer in Kansas seems to have worried himself into the insane asylum because of the discovery of a shortage in the accounts of his predecessor, while the guilty man suffered no sleepless nights over the matter, but let his friends fix it up to prevent prosecution.

The public has not yet had information whether that Cuban relief fund is really being kept as a special deposit in a reputable bank. If the Cubans have as hard a time to get their money as have some of the charitable publisher's employees they may die of starvation before the succor arrives.

Now that the legislature has definitely decided that the state of Iowa, one of the Transmississippi states, shall be properly represented at the Transmississippi Exposition, the men who take pride in the Hawkeye state will not have to feel discredited when they visit the great fair of the year.

A Cincinnati man who recently visited in Mexico made a little study of the effect of a silver standard on prices and was greatly impressed with what he learned about shoes. "Shoes are hand made in that country," he said, as reported by the silverite Denver News. "The highest price paid is \$1 a pair." Do we want Mexican prosperity?

Ex-President Cleveland has curiously declined an invitation extended by New York's yellowest paper to serve on an honorary committee for the erection of a monument to the victims of the Maine disaster. Mr. Cleveland's reason forcibly expressed is that he refuses to allow his sorrow for the dead seaman to be used for the purpose of advertising any demagogic sheet. Mr. Cleveland evidently has no patience with brass band charity that seeks to buy notoriety with other people's money.

John Burroughs has a sort of hermitage in a wild locality some miles back of the Hudson. It bears the prosaic name of "Slab-Sides," descriptive of the walls of the modest domicile, which he constructed with his own hands. The four or five acres of ground contiguous to "Slab-Sides" was a court-yard for being a bird without leave, and, though acquired, was intended to be his for the time he was away from his regiment.

H. Remsen Whitehouse, formerly secretary of the United States legation at Rome, and author of "A Sacrifice of a Throne," has been elected to the chair of the Roman Catholic professor at Fiatland, Pa., and \$5,000 to the House of the Good Shepherd in Philadelphia.

The late Timothy Maher of Philadelphia bequeathed one-fourth of his fortune of \$100,000 to charitable purposes, \$10,000 going to the Sisters of Charity for the training of the education of clergymen, \$5,000 to the Roman Catholic professor at Fiatland, Pa., and \$5,000 to the House of the Good Shepherd in Philadelphia.

Because of complaints by those who say they do a "legitimate" business, a way was found to get rid of the "legitimate" business, a way was found to get rid of the "legitimate" business, a way was found to get rid of the "legitimate" business.

The new charter is very explicit in making it mandatory on the governor to give a full investigation and finding to all impeachment charges filed against his police commissioners. Under the old charter a cowardly governor could in his discretion refuse even to consider complaints. The only charges ever filed against former police commissioners were thus treated. The new charter is certainly an improvement in this particular.

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The records of modern warfare will be searched in vain for a crime so black as this. It will have to be, and will be, written later in the closing days of the nineteenth century witnessed an act of war committed under the banner of civilization which for cool and deliberate and sweeping savagery hardly be paralleled outside of the annals of the race in its most barbarous state.

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The American people will not soon forget the quiet heroism of Captain Sigsbee's message reporting the blowing up of the Maine. He was the only man who was suspended as to the cause of the disaster. It was the sentiment of an ordinary man. "We will the American people ever forget that Sigsbee did his duty with a manly courage, which in England would have won the Victoria Cross, when his stateroom and burning ship was sinking under him and he had to leave his deck, he was the first and most forward in ministering to the wounded and sustaining the spirits of the survivors. No man could have lived up better to the traditions of the American navy, nor could any man have borne himself more fortitously and discreetly than Charles D. Sigsbee did in the dark and trying hours that followed the disaster.

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Brooklyn Life: "Timmy-Pop, if there's a war are you going?" "Pop-Nor. My mother has been the man of the house for the past year."

Puck: Lord St. Aquant—I say, old man, deuced queer people in this country. Lord Nozoo—Yes; never let 'em know who they're going to see a joke, 'y know."

Indianapolis Journal: "By the way, I believe I'm telling him a very unpleasant truth." "He didn't put it that way. He said he told him that truth that was pretty good to swallow."

Somerville Journal: The proof reader has a thankless task. Nobody gives him any credit for the countless blunders he corrects and everybody jumps on him for the few he overlooks.

Chicago Tribune: "Going to raise my rent after the 1st of May, are you?" "I won't stand for it." "My dear sir, this is a more desirable corner than it used to be. Look at the crowds that pass every day to gaze at that six foot nine inch policeman at the crossing."

Washington Star: "Mr. Jabbles is a man of extensive information." "Yes, he is. He's a very good speller, too. I've never seen a man who could take a fact and stretch it as he can."

Indianapolis Journal: "I don't know whether this is a very curious question or not," said the railway attorney, "but I've never seen a man who could take a fact and stretch it as he can."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "You don't mean to tell me that he is nine years old?" "Yes, he is." "And still laying?" "Yes, he is." "Say, he must be the neater of her profession."

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COME HITHER, SPRING! Gertrude Hall in Harper's Magazine. Ah, worshipped one! ah, faithful spring! Again you come, again you bring. That rock of flowers from the fold. Where warm they slept while we were cold.

What shall we say to one so dear. That keeps such a steady every year? Ah, hear me promise, as true as I to you as I am I to you.

Ne'er shall you come and as a child sit in the market piping mild. With daisy-incense in your glance. And I not dance—and I not dance.

But you the same will ever be. While ninety springs will alter me; Yet truly as you come and play. So truly will I dance, and I will dance.

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These are earnest times. Every American is alive to the necessity of preserving the credit of his country.

But war or no war—that is a matter about which opinions may differ. The credit of the country is a subject on which there is but one sentiment. May we suggest that the credit of the country is being pretty well maintained in the matter of clothing? No country is better dressed—and no part of this country is better dressed than that part that we provide with spring suits. American woollens are the best in the world and our clothing is, likewise, the best to be had at any price. Try it—or, at any rate look at it.

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