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Recent despatches from Waco show that unless French duels Texas duels are of the fatal variety.

The way shipments of corn continue to go to Europe it would appear that the corn propaganda started is making headway.

Another railroad train has just been added to Omaha's time table.

New York and Ohio are the latest states to make exposition appropriations.

A real live European prince is making a tour of the United States.

With a new spring bonnet and a fresh coat of paint Omaha will be ready to receive and entertain all its exposition guests.

Another thief has been caught by the police force and the enlistment of a barbers' brigade for the protection of the city cannot come too soon.

Whatever merit there may be in the Chicago ordinance limiting the height of buildings in the World's fair city is neutralized by the fact that it seems to have been passed for at least ten years too late.

So long as substitutes can be employed to do the work of governors there can be nothing wrong in having a chief of police draw the salary for work done by substitute.

The people of Tacoma are not clamoring for the naming of a war ship after their enterprising city.

The supreme court of Indiana has upheld the legality of the indeterminate sentence law in that state.

The publication by the organ of the gamblers' gang that Talmage sermon denouncing gambling in such severe terms must have been an oversight.

The United States has a very long coast line which will require watching in case of international troubles.

Now we know what is keeping people away from church in Omaha.

Chief of Police Gallagher asserted under oath the other day that the numerous holdups of citizens of Omaha since he came into office are only a fad.

Denver has a bank in which the individual deposits aggregate \$8,139,851.

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OF POSSIBLE WORLD-WIDE EFFECT.

American and European statesmen have expressed the opinion that a war between the United States and Spain might have a world-wide effect...

NO PAPAL MEDIATION.

The report from Madrid, that the pope had been asked by this government to mediate between it and Spain...

DO NOT WANT AN ARMISTICE.

The statement of the representative of the Cubans in Washington, that they will never consent to an armistice until independence is recognized...

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GOOD BEETS.

It may take time to build up a profitable sugar beet culture...

NO WARRANT FOR HAINES.

Do not be misled. If war is to come it will come soon enough...

PRODUCTION OF STEEL.

The United States in 1895 made exactly three times as much Bessemer steel as Great Britain...

SKYSCRAPERS IN A QUAKE.

The argonauts of 49 were afraid to erect two-story buildings in California because of the frequent earthquakes...

CONTEMPT FOR WORK.

Spain has now a population of about 19,000,000 people, and of these, according to a recent report of the Spanish government...

THE 'YELLOW' PLAGUE.

Whatever the yellow press does it does for revenue and advertisement only.

A DIPLOMATIC TRICK.

Weyler's concentration edict has been revoked again, according to late disclosures from the Spanish legation in this city.

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THE CRISIS.

Chicago Times-Herald: The hour has struck, and whether peace comes or war the Cuban question will be settled.

New York Tribune: If it is to be decreed that this nation shall go to war, may it enter upon the apocalyptic task, purely and in the fear of God.

Louisville Courier-Journal: With the issue thus clearly revealed, there is nothing for us to do now but to leave Spain out of further consideration.

Indianapolis Journal: If war comes the first blow will be very important in a tactical as well as moral point of view.

New York Independent: The moral position of the United States is very strong. We are not asking for Cuba for ourselves.

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UPHOLDING THE PRESIDENT.

New York Mail and Express: Let Congress unanimously uphold the president's hands in this trying hour.

Baltimore American: Mr. McKinley may be assured that the great body of the American people does not sympathize either with these critics or with the disgraceful exhibitions which have taken place during the last few days.

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SWOLLEN PENSION ROLL.

The necessity for an appropriation of over \$5,000,000 to prevent a deficiency in the pension fund at the end of the fiscal year leads Secretary Bliss to make some interesting disclosures concerning the enormous growth of the pension roll during the last eight years.

It will be remembered that when Secretary Bliss made his annual report last November he asked for \$16,532,419 for his department. Of this amount there was available for the payment of army pensions on July 1, 1897, the sum of \$18,000,000, which he believed was fully adequate to pay all the pension claims of the fiscal year.

That the secretary is now compelled to ask for a deficiency appropriation of \$5,000,000 in order to carry him through the fiscal year indicates an unexpected increase in the number of pensioners.

It is also remembered that the commission on pensions in its annual report predicted that after the close of the current year payments would rapidly decline. It is now his opinion that in view of the increasing applications for original pensions and for increase of pensions, there will be an increase in the sum required for some time to come.

The total number of pensioners on the roll June 30, 1897, was 974,014, while on February 28, 1898, there were 989,613, a net increase of 15,599. At the close of the current fiscal year the number on the roll will approximate 996,000, an increase of nearly 50 per cent since 1890. In that time the pension rolls have increased from 572,053 to 1,132,000.

Thirty-three years after the cessation of hostilities the pension roll is larger than at any former time, having nearly doubled in ten years of that time. It is not possible to account for this phenomenal increase so long after the war except through the success of fraudulent claimants upon the government's bounty. It is a duty which the present congress owes to the real veterans who defended the flag to institute an investigation that will purge the roll of the thousands of impostors who have managed to get their way through "political pulls" and through dishonest pension attorneys. The investigation should also be made for the purpose of ascertaining what legislation is needed to protect the nation's roll of honor.

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