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NOT A MILITARY NECESSITY.

The assertion made in certain quarters that a telegraph cable connecting the Pacific coast with the Philippine islands has become a military necessity for the United States is a baseless fiction. The annexation of Hawaii and military occupation of the Philippines will doubtless necessitate frequent communication between the department heads at Washington and the distant new possessions, but nobody will contend that the desire to expedite this intercourse in times of peace would justify the enormous outlay required for laying 7,000 miles of deep-sea cable.

If experience teaches anything, it has been demonstrated by the recent war with Spain that submarine telegraph cables are no more exempt from destruction than are overhead telegraph lines. The first act of Admiral Dewey after he had destroyed the Spanish fleet in Manila bay was to cut the cable that connected Manila with Hong Kong.

Whether the Pacific cable shall become a commercial necessity will be determined in due time when the extent of commerce with our new possessions and the countries in Australasia has been ascertained.

THE WORLD OUR SALESROOM.

More than ever before in our history the commercial side of American nature is turned toward the world. As was recently said by one of our leading manufacturers, the United States is no longer the world's market; the whole world is now our salesroom.

A COMPLICATED PROJECT.

The debate on the Nicaragua canal bill in the United States senate showed that there are such complications connected with the project that if it is ever to be carried out and be owned and controlled by the government a new start will have to be made.

part of German manufacturers that they are contemplating some plan to protect themselves against this competition. The continued extension of American commerce seems assured. The footholds we have gained in foreign markets by reason of the superiority of our goods will be held and must inevitably lead to further trade conquests.

WHOM THE NATION SHOULD HONOR.

The merited compliment paid by President McKinley at the Atlanta peace jubilee to the valor and patriotism of the south, coupled with the expressed hope that in the near future the nation would bestow the same affectionate care upon the graves of the confederate dead as upon those of the fallen union soldiers, has naturally created a profound impression upon the southern people.

DISSATISFIED REFORMERS.

The present administration does not fare any better than did its predecessors at the hands of the civil service reformers. They are not satisfied with what has been done in the interest of reform since President McKinley came into office and they arraign the administration for alleged failures and shortcomings in very plain terms.

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asking a subsidy of \$700,000,000 that some years subsequently it returned asking government aid to the amount of \$100,000,000. Now for the fourth time this company is again endeavoring to secure a subsidy from congress and while there is a stronger pressure than ever before in favor of the construction of a canal, there appears good reason to believe that congress will not do anything from which the Maritime Canal company can derive any benefit.

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DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Indianapolis Journal: He—There I sat, alone with my thoughts, how lonely you must have been. Cleveland Leader: Marie—Does your papa approve of the attachment between you and Charles? Ethel—I'm afraid not. He still banks the furnace at 3.30.

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