

TEXT OF THE MESSAGE

To the Senate and House of Representatives: Notwithstanding the added burdens rendered necessary by the war, our people rejoice in a very satisfactory and steadily increasing degree of prosperity, evidenced by the largest volume of business ever recorded.

In my last annual message very full consideration was given to the question of the duty of the Government of the United States toward Spain and the Cuban insurrection as being by far the most important problem with which we were then called upon to deal.

The war continued on the old footing without comprehensive plan, developing only the same spasmodic encounters, barren of strategic result, that had marked the course of the earlier years' contention, as well as the present insurrection from its start.

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The enlistment force of the navy on the 15th day of August, when it reached its maximum, numbered 24,123 men and apprentices. The hundred and three vessels were added to the navy by purchase, one was presented to the Government, one leased and the four vessels of the International Navigation Company of St. Paul, St. Louis, New York and Paris were chartered.

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had been determined to establish a naval station. This important and essential port was taken from the enemy after severe fighting by the marines, who were the first organized force of the United States to land in Cuba.

The Spanish fleet, attempting to leave the harbor, was met by the American squadron under command of Commodore Sampson.

The individual valor of officers and soldiers was never more strikingly shown than in the events of August leading to the surrender of Santiago, while the prompt movements and successive victories won instant and universal applause.

WHAT A FLEET!—Sour Stomach, Distress after Eating, Weight in the Stomach, Wind on the Stomach, Loss of Appetite, Dizziness, Nausea, Sick Headache—formidable foes to good health—but Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets are the invincible battleships that can put to rout and destroy the last vestige of them, and make peace and happiness reign where all was misery and suffering.

One of the rarest things to see in any part of Pennsylvania is a persimmon tree. It is interesting, therefore to know that Michael Koplin, a Bucks county farmer, is this fall harvesting hundreds of bushels of the fruit, which finds ready sale at from 75 cents to \$1 a basket.

HEART TERRORS vanish in 30 minutes under the magical wand of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. A heart specific, and no case too acute to be dispelled and absolute good health restored.

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The small son of the people and his little sister were inside the great West Philadelphia church for the first time. "Um—my! but it's a beautiful place," he whispered. "I bet people wot belong here comes every time dey can."

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