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EDITORIAL.

A MONEY ADMINISTRATION.

President McKinley was elected by virtue of the monied interests of the country. He stood for their claims and they in turn gave him their heartiest support. In the selection of his cabinet millionaires and boodlers predominate in men like Sherman, Gage, Alger, Long and the rest. All are capitalists, in touch with Wall street and the stock ticker. As confidential advisor and bosom friend Marcus Hanna, one of the most offensive types of American boodlers, stands close to the President, in fact is the power behind the throne. The Almighty Dollar has been the issue in almost every act of each cabinet officer's career. In the heartless mad rush for gain their nobler instincts are crushed, the better virtues dwarfed, and greed is the course of such men in public life.

It is greed and gain, in all its offensive selfishness, that dominates the administration. The treacherous blowing up of the Maine and the cowardly, cruel, butchery of several hundred American sailors seems not to have appealed to the honor and dignity of the present administration. The horrible scenes in Cuba, and the starving of thousands of helpless reconcentrados finds no response in McKinley's heart or cabinet.

It is only after the House and Senate threaten to take the helm that the administration makes a feint effort to act. The indignation of the nation has been aroused. A storm of discontent swept over the country and the patriotic members of both parties became aroused, defiance was hurled at the president, and at last he has made a weak pretence in defence of the nation's honor.

Such conduct is not in accordance with American traditions or in sympathy with a liberty-loving people. The illustrious deeds of Washington, Jefferson, Jackson, Lincoln, and Grant shine forth in strong contrast with this ignominiously unpatriotic, truckling administration that is a blot and blot on fair America's escutcheon.

What is the cause for this? Why does McKinley falter? The answer is simple: The money lenders, the capitalists, the Wall street stock gamblers, hold investments and securities that might be effected by a clash of arms with Spain. These men are the President's chief counselors. They mould and direct his course. The "money changers are in the temple" to the humiliation of national pride and honor. To them the lives of thousands of starving Cubans, the destruction of our battle ship, the cowardly slaughter of several hundred brave American seamen, even the disgrace of the nation are of little concern--their consciences are controlled by their pocketbooks and patriotic duty is subserved by dirty, sordid greed for the dollar.

The money power has control and a weak, vacillating man occupies the presidential chair.

REPUBLICAN REFORMERS.

Several years ago the people of New York and Brooklyn became restless under the rule of the democracy, and elected the republican municipal tickets in both cities. The campaign was made under the cry of reform, and down with the boss. Mr. Crocker, of Tammany Hall, and Mr. McLaughlin, of the Brooklyn democracy were abused roundly by the republicans and so called reformers, and the democratic party accused of all manner of crookedness. This crookedness was to be revealed in all its hideousness, and the leaders of the democratic party sent to prison if the republican reform candidates would succeed. The republican reform candidates were elected, the government of both these cities handed over to the new administration in all its departments, and at once the promised investigations were commenced, and carried on with a great deal of noise, but with very meager results. In Brooklyn the accused democratic officials came out of the investigation with absolutely clean records, and in ten years



THE SPANISH TORPEDO FLEET. Now on the Way to Havana from the Canary Islands.

WHO IS RIGHT?

nothing was found wrong except in the police department, where a system of blackmail was exposed which was organized by the Police Commissioner, and under which saloon keepers and keepers of low dives were compelled to pay tribute to the police in order to be allowed to continue their illegal practices. But so far as the democratic administration of the cities was concerned everything was found to be in proper condition. We say that the democratic administration was found to be blameless, because the irregularities discovered in the police department were not chargeable to the democracy. The police commission was what the reformers and their republican allies designated a non-partisan board, and which was created by them for the purpose of carrying out their reform measures. This board was composed of persons selected from both parties, and fortunately for the democrats the leading spirit in the system was one of the republican members, and his principal lieutenant was a so-called democratic reformer.

These cities had three years of this much talked of republican reform, and at the end of that time the democrats were put back into power. The democratic tickets were elected because the people had discovered that the party had not been corrupt as had been represented, and that the republican administrations which had been placed into power as reformers were both incompetent and corrupt. The expenses of the operations of the government were largely increased in all the departments, the valuations of property and tax rate increased almost one third, and every influential republican who had been prominent in reform movement, all at once became a beneficiary of the new administration. The leading republican lawyers became counsel for the departments receiving enormous fees; one man alone receiving \$75,000 in one year; prominent politicians not in office, received fat contracts, and every hungry one seemed to be at once provided with a place in which he could secure his part of the spoils.

When the new democratic administration came in, the new officials, not a committee with a good round salary, began an investigation of the operations of the several departments under the preceding administration, the Mayor himself doing the work of his department. The result is an enormous reduction of the expenditures and placing the tax rate where it was under former democratic administrations. In one department alone the reductions amount to \$750,000 a year, and in others in the same proportion. Besides this some twelve or fifteen ex-republican officials, and Platt men, are indicted by the grand jury for forgery, embezzlement and conspiracy to defraud the city, and must answer for their crimes in the criminal courts, and will undoubtedly be convicted and punished accordingly.

This is the beginning of the end of the republican reform administration in New York and Brooklyn. But the end is not yet, it will only come when the would-be-reformers are all convicted and duly punished for their misdoings. The democracy is again being vindicated and republican corruption exposed. It is well for democrats to keep these things in mind, so that boasting republican reformers may not again be allowed to deceive unsuspecting people and thus be placed in position where they have the opportunity of enriching themselves at the expense of the tax payers.

MUCH discontent prevails in the House and Senate over President McKinley's course. The country is dissatisfied and even his close political friends are displeased. President McKinley seems to lack courage and character, and is surrounded by an inferior grade of men in his cabinet, who may be money makers, but deficient in statecraft.

THE Gazette continues its assaults upon Geo. L. Goodhart, which are of a personal nature. The Gazette man is doing himself more injury than the man he assaults. He don't realize this. That is no surprise.

At present great excitement prevails throughout the country. The war excitement is the universal topic. On the one hand we find, irrespective of political standing, the Senate and House almost unanimous in the opinion that the president should declare Cuban independence, and if necessary drive the Spaniards off the island. The sentiment of the country is strongly the same. Much as we abhor the horrors of war, the results have been calculated carefully. It is a duty we can not shirk--a common brotherhood, humanity, demands protection from brutal assassins who for centuries have blotted the western hemisphere with misrule. Thousands of patriotic citizens are standing ready, at the firing of the signal gun, to fight for Cuban independence.

On the other hand, President McKinley has pursued a course of delay, dilly-dallying, avoidance, half-hearted diplomacy. He claims he can bring about a peaceable adjustment of the trouble. He has avoided the issue of the slaughter of our seamen, and the independence of Cuba. He has kept the reports of our Consuls in Cuba from the public and many other important documents. It now is over two months since the Maine was blown up and the bodies of our seamen left in the filthy mire of Havana harbor. It is three years since the brutal campaign of butchery and starvation began, and thus far nothing done. Some few endorse this plan. They are the bitter partisans, the money lenders represented by Wall Street, and a few chicken-hearted, sanctified, long-praying divines. Time will tell who is right in this issue.

The Ohio republican legislature on last Friday gave President McKinley a rebuke. A resolution was offered "that we fully believe that our President Wm. McKinley, is pursuing a course with Spain, which commends itself to all civilized countries." The legislature refused absolutely to entertain the motion. That is an indication how McKinley's Cuban policy is regarded in his own state. The New York State legislature did exactly the same thing.

MCKINLEY has announced another delay in his message. This is about the fifth disappointment. Do you remember how promptly Cleveland sat down on England in the Venezuela question. It was effectual too.

Thirteen is all Right.

Thirteen cannot be an unlucky number, when it was thirteen colonies that won the American revolution and founded this republic and transmitted to us the glorious flag of the Union with its thirteen beautiful stripes, which shall float, it is to be hoped, while the world stands.

Coal Tipple Burned.

The tipple at mine No. 3, owned by Jackman & Atherton and situated near Munson station, on the Beech Creek railroad was burned Tuesday morning. The fire will throw a number of men out of employment.

Easter Social.

The Y. P. S. C. E., of the Christian church, at Howard, will hold an Easter social in Lucas Hall, on Saturday evening, April 9th. Everybody invited.

Eggs For Hatching.

The prices below are for a setting of thirteen eggs. I guarantee all eggs to be fresh and true to name, and from first-class stock: Light Brahma..... 55 cts. Buff Cochins..... 60 Partridge Cochins..... 60 Barred Plymouth Rocks..... 40 Silver Spangled Hamburgs..... 60 M. B. GARMAN, Bellefonte, Pa.

NAVAL FORCES COMPARED.

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enemy. The "Katahdin" is a vessel of 2,150 tons and 16 knots speed, whose sole duty is to ram. For this purpose she presents but little of her bulk above the water, and that which is visible is curved and armor-plated with a view to deflecting the shells of the enemy. She is quick in turning, and it would be an extremely difficult task for a warship to elude or sink her before the fatal blow was struck.

The six destroyers, "Audaz," "Osado," "Terror," "Furor," "Pluton" and "Proserpina," are the fastest and most formidable of their class. They have a speed of 30 knots and carry two discharge tubes for the deadly Whitehead torpedo. As they are unarmored, they can be easily sunk by gun fire, and for this reason they will rarely make an unsupported attack in the open. In line of battle, however, they will be certain to play a very important part. Sheltering themselves behind the advancing ships (which they can easily do, on account of their small size), they will rush out at the opportune moment and fire their torpedoes at the enemy. So greatly is the torpedo dreaded that the hostile fleet is certain to be drawn away from the battleships and concentrated on the destroyers in the effort to sink them. This diversion will be of great value to the fleet possessing a torpedo flotilla, and may easily turn the tide of battle at a critical moment. We have nothing of the size and speed of these 450-ton destroyers which we could send against them, unless it were the "Porter" and "Dupont," of 28 knots. Our torpedo boats would be too small to accompany a fleet on the high seas.

The possession of a numerous torpedo flotilla by Spain goes far to restore the balance which, on account of our battleships and monitors, would be strongly in our favor in a pitched battle, and it is the knowledge of this fact which renders the sailing of the flotilla for the West Indies a matter of the gravest concern to this country. The flotilla consists of six torpedo boat destroyers and six torpedo boats conveyed by a couple of small cruisers. The boats have been stripped of their guns and torpedoes and they are being nursed across the water by the larger boats, which are ready to give them all necessary assistance. The flotilla in its present condition is as helpless as a brood of ducklings, and it is no doubt the knowledge of this fact that has led Spain to hurry them across the water in time of peace.

It will be noticed that in the foregoing comparison we have taken no note of protected cruisers and gunboats, for the reason that these have theoretically no proper place in a battle between armor-clads. Of protected cruisers Spain has two of 5,000 tons, three of 3,090 tons and three of 1,000 tons, besides some older wood and iron ships of less value. Against these we could at present oppose on the Atlantic two protected cruisers of 7,500 tons, one of 4,000 tons, one of 3,600 tons, one of 3,200 tons, three of 1,750 tons and sixteen of from 1,000 to 1,500 tons.

In torpedo gunboats and craft of under 1,000 tons displacement Spain is stronger. She has fourteen torpedo gunboats of from 500 to 850 tons displacement and 19 to 22 1/2 knots speed, and over ninety small gunboats, many of which, however, are obsolete. We have three gunboats of less than 1,000 tons displacement, among which is included the "Vesuvius," with its pneumatic guns for the discharge of dynamite shells.

Should the war be prolonged, our navy would rapidly increase in strength. The "Oregon" would reach eastern waters, and in a few months we should have the powerful battleships "Kentucky" and "Kearsarge" in commission, to be followed later by that celebrated trio, the "Alabama," "Wisconsin" and "Illinois." Our torpedo fleet would grow apace, and it would not be long before we should have an overwhelming superiority upon the seas.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

ASSEMBLY.

We are authorized to announce R. M. Foster, of State College, a candidate for the nomination for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce John Q. Miles, of Huston township, a candidate for the nomination for Legislature, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce A. U. Thompson, of Half Moon township, a candidate for the nomination for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce Geo. W. Koeh, of Potter township, a candidate for the nomination for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

We are authorized to announce William G. Runkle, Esq., of Bellefonte, Pa., a candidate for the nomination for District Attorney, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce N. B. Spangler, of Bellefonte, as a candidate for the nomination for District Attorney, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

PROTHONOTARY.

We are authorized to announce B. A. McKee, of Spring township, a candidate for the nomination for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce M. J. Gardner, of Bellefonte, a candidate for the nomination for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce Robert F. Hunter, of the North Ward of Bellefonte, a candidate for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce A. A. Fletcher, of Walker township, a candidate for the nomination for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

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