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SCRANTON, DECEMBER 23, 1915. We do not consider the report of a European alliance to dictate American policy with reference to Cuba worthy of more than passing notice.

Wanamakerism Up to Date. Of all the untrue assertions which have been called forth by the pending contest for a United States senatorship in this state the falsest is the statement that those who oppose John Wanamaker do so in a spirit of antagonism to religion.

Mr. Wanamaker has said on different occasions that he had not spent and would not spend a cent in the senatorial contest corruptly. Yet it is in evidence that lieutenants bearing his credentials have offered bribes right and left.

Asked to explain the significant attitude of the newspapers in which he advertises, Mr. Wanamaker promptly grows sporty and offers a thousand dollars to charity for proof that he has ever sought to muzzle the press.

Finally, when emissaries in his interest are hauled up in court charged with circulating anonymous scandal against his rival for senatorial honors, this man who poses as an exemplar of the Christian virtues says no word in disapproval of their contemptible work.

The recent street-car strike at Boston, on the day before Christmas, when interruption of the facilities for travel was most keenly felt by the public, was not only, if the facts are correctly set forth, without cause but was also actually vicious.

Forecasting the Next Cabinet. According to Walter Willman, whose predictions heretofore have proved more than ordinarily accurate, the cabinet which Major McKinley has selected in his own mind, subject to change through unforeseen contingencies, is as follows:

- Secretary of State—JOHN SHERMAN, of Ohio. Secretary of the Treasury—NELSON DINGLEY, of Maine. Secretary of War—EX-GOVERNOR WILLIAM R. MERRIAM, of Minnesota. Secretary of the Navy—CORNELIUS N. BLISS, of New York. Attorney General—NATHAN GOFF, of West Virginia.

With the exception of the last one, every name on this list is well known for ability and experience in public affairs, for high personal character and for meritorious party service.

Unless unexpected emergencies shall arise during the next four years, the cabinet departments upon which will fall the most exacting demands will be the state and treasury secretariats and the attorney generalship.

The fire which destroyed St. Stephen's Episcopal church in Wilkes-Barre on Christmas morning could probably have been checked with slight loss when the fire companies first reached the scene had the water plugs not been frozen.

Perhaps the most sensible thing yet elicited during the Cuban controversy is the decision of Senator-elect Money, of Mississippi, now a member of the house committee on foreign affairs, to visit Cuba, interview Weyler, ask for an escort and flag of truce to enable him to reach the interior and hold intercourse with the insurgents, and thus

to gain by personal inquiry accurate knowledge of the situation of affairs in that island. The attempt should have been made fully a year ago, by the executive, to dispatch a commission to Cuba for this very purpose.

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This, however, is no longer true. The world is moving forward in its interest, nations are becoming more closely associated and mutually dependent. The modern forces are bringing them into more intimate communion and dealing with the extension of trade.

Much, indeed, depends on the president himself. Major McKinley has the experience, sobriety and unflinching sense which are needed in the supreme and responsible direction. But very much depends also on the character and quality of the staff.

There will, of course, be the usual outcry against such a focusing of responsibility. We shall hear a good deal about "booses" and "cazars." But those who have studied history will be well satisfied to see the municipal government of America's foremost city so arranged that when the taxpayers thereof neglect to vote into power a fit candidate for mayor, they may themselves shoulder the blame and suffer the consequences.

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