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Spain can thank her stars that she had the president of the United States and not the emperor of Germany to deal with.

The Conviction of Van Horn.

Seldom has a case of deliberate murder been so clearly established in a Pennsylvania court as was done by the prosecution in the trial of Van Horn.

It is gratifying to observe that the juries of Lackawanna county are beginning to place by their verdicts in cases of homicide an adequate estimate upon the sanctity of human life.

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An Admirable Selection.

The acceptance by Governor John W. Griggs, of New Jersey, of the president's invitation to become attorney general of the United States in place of Joseph McKenna, who is to be nominated for the Supreme bench, will add strength to a cabinet in need of strength at this very point.

The Situation in Cuba.

Quotation was made in yesterday's Tribune from a letter in the Washington Star from Havana, written by Charles M. Pepper, a correspondent enjoying the entire confidence of all who know him.

General Blanco's plan of conciliating or persuading the men who have been in revolt against Spain's authority to quit for a consideration must be measured by results.

General Pando was to carry out the plan. He took the field ostensibly for military operations, in reality to arrange terms with the rebels to whom overtures had been made.

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Need of Revision of Pension Rolls

General H. V. Boynton in the Sun. FOR the first time since the pension appropriations began to assume enormous proportions, it seems certain that the subject will receive proper and earnest attention from congress.

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