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The Tribune's telegraphic news is from three to five hours fresher than that of any Philadelphia or New York paper circulated in its field.

It will be observed that on the heels of the destruction of the Maine the Spanish news bureau in Havana has begun to turn out a new lot of paper-made Spanish victories over the insurgents.

Senator Mason's Break.

The Hon. William E. Mason, United States senator from Illinois, is a warm-hearted and good-intentioned man who sometimes flies off the handle.

After two days of protracted self-repression under the strain of an intense excitement, Mr. Mason yesterday had the misfortune to explode in a vocal discharge of insinuations which in calmer moments he will be the first to regret.

Senator Mason's sympathies for Cuba are shared by every American worthy of the name. His dissatisfaction with the conservatism with which the present chief executive has approached his treatment of the Cuban problem is shared by many although not by all.

Suspicious as to the cause of the Maine's fate are one thing; evidence is another. It is an insult to Spain to assume in advance that she is guilty, although Spain's character and past are such that the insult is not unnatural.

The best thing that Billy Mason can do to repair his bad break is to arise in his place as soon as he shall resume a condition of sanity and make a frank apology.

Wilkes-Barre is to have strictly pure milk delivered in any part of the city at 5 cents a quart. Wilkes-Barre is in luck.

Frances E. Willard.

The death of Frances E. Willard ends a career whose usefulness it is not within any human power to estimate. While the news of her passing to rest brings with it to millions of Americans a sense of personal loss and immeasurable sorrow yet in the excitement of long and patiently sustained pain no less than in its promise of eternal peace the end must have been not unwelcome.

By this death there is removed one of the most interesting characters of our time. Possessed of brilliant intellect, great executive ability, a gift of eloquence rarely known and a courage leonine in its proportions, she has held a unique place before the world for a quarter of a century.

Finally, in reply to the regret of the Press that the leaders of the insurgents could not be trusted to resist Spanish bribes except after they had been threatened with death, the doctor says: "The Cuban government does not fear that the officers who are sent out to the Spaniard. The former revolution did not end in this ignominious way, as it is alleged. No doubt it is the policy of the Spaniard to attempt to throw discredit upon the Cuban people by insinuations of this kind."

This defense ought to satisfy unprejudiced opinion. It is true that Cuban standards and Yankee standards are not identical, but by every principle of justice the Cuban insurgents are entitled to win, and they deserve American help.

The Sun wants congress to authorize the president to buy another warship equal to the Maine. The idea would be good if an accident policy could be thrown in.

she engaged in foreign travel and study, returning in 1871 to become professor of aesthetics in the Northwestern university at Evanston and dean of the Woman's college. It was here that her influence began to assume that breadth for which she was subsequently and so justly renowned.

It was in 1874 that Miss Willard decided to withdraw from school work in order to devote her entire time to the nurture of the newly-founded Women's Christian Temperance union.

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Captain Sigbee, of the battleship Maine, seems to be the right man for the present situation. He absolutely refuses to talk until he has something definite to say.

No Snap Judgment in Spain's Case

From the New York Sun. THE COUNTRY is yet waiting for facts from Havana, and for official opinions on the matter, before it is to determine the public judgment.

That suspicion is prevalent, it is useless to deny. One thought sprang into every mind along with the first news of the destruction of the ship. The circumstances of the Maine's visit to Havana such as they are, are so indistinct, and the universal suspicion affected public opinion in London precisely as it did in New York or Washington.

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average Chicago mind from pork to Theosophy it is said the meetings have been quite encouraging to the American Mahatmas.

Readers of The Tribune can hardly have failed to notice in the past few days the marked superiority of its news service over that of the New York and Philadelphia papers circulated here.

DANGER IN DELAY.

From the New York Sun. We are getting incidentally now and then an illustration of what the sudden outbreak of war might mean to the great cities of our coast in the present condition of harbor defenses.

The fact remains that if war came tomorrow, and we had no possible for congress, by appropriating one hundred million dollars for coast defenses, to atone for the delays and hesitations and halfheartedness of the past twelve years and to perfect in twenty-four hours the whole system of fortification, the money would be voted outright millions would not do it.

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10 PIECES fine German "Silver Bleach" Damask, 68 in. wide; regular 50c quality Sale Price, 35c

10 PIECES 64 in. wide; regular 75c quality Sale Price, 54c

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8 PIECES 72 in. wide; regular \$1.00 quality Sale Price, 75c

6 PIECES 72 in. Bleached; regular \$1.00 quality Sale Price, 75c

Table Napkins to match all our finer quality Damasks.

25 DOZEN German "Silver Bleach" Napkins, 5-8 size; regular \$1.25 quality Sale Price, \$1.10

25 DOZEN 5-8 size; regular \$2.00 quality Sale Price, \$1.75

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