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The abiding wonder of the time is that the modest New York Journal doesn't claim the credit of blowing up the Maine.

#### Willing to Be Renominated.

The authorized announcement by Congressman Morgan B. Williams, of the Twelfth Pennsylvania district, of his willingness to accept a re-nomination if in the judgment of the Luzerne county Republican leaders that would make for party success will be gratifying news to thousands of friends outside his district as well as to the great mass of his constituents. It is announced in the Washington correspendence of the Wilkes-Barre Record that Mr. Williams was at first disinclined to consider a renomination. The fact that no member from Luzerne has ever yet succeeded in securing a reelection had less to do with his hesitancy to attempt this feat than the fact that one term has exhausted the personal fascination of a congressman's lot.

But influential men in the party at Washington as well as prominent Republicans at home insisted that it was his duty to run again so that there would be little possibility of the district being represented in the next congress by a free silver Democrat. These arguments were brought to bear upon him with such force that after mature reflection Mr. Williams agreed to remit the matter to the people of his district. Another campaign, although successful, would mean to him a considerable sacrifice but if the party calls upon him to make it he will honor its call and do his best. Should the party desire another leader we understand his position to be one of entire willingness to step aside, not reluctantly but with

It is to be hoped that the Republicans of the mother county will meet this announcement in the cordial spirit in which it is given and go to work with a will for Mr. Williams' renomination and re-election. Apart from any personal aspects of the matter the fact is that by good judgment, faithful ser- thing hought of. vice and staunch devotion to party and district interests Mr. Williams deserves an unanimous renomination and a hearty re-election. He now has experience on his side; he understands the ways and means of intelligenguardianship of the interests committed to his care, and it will be a serious misfortune for the district if these advantages are lost to it.

If the Vizcaya intends to return the compliment in literal fashion now in her time to have an accidental blow-

#### Jaund ced Journalism and Its Cure. Announcement is made that the Ellsworth bill which sought to make it possible for the publishers of corrupting newspapers to be punished on general principles has been abandoned by the New York legislature. This is not due to any increase of sympathy for yellow journalism but rather to recognition of the impossibility of framing a law of such sweeping character without opening the door to grievous abuse of its intent. Where specific injury can be proved the libel law already on the statute books of the Empire state

is ample and the legislature has wisely

decided to let it go at that. The matter should not be dropped. hovever. If the lawmakers cannot or than such reckless and vicious publications without endangering the wholesome liberty of self-respecting newspaper buying public is, after all, yellow press and grabs with avidity honorable journals to inferior rank from the imancial standpoint the temptation to distort and to highly color the news of the day will be a serious cut, where her marriage with Fitzone among publishers, very few of ers then men with large sums of money invested in presses and other printing machinery will naturally begin to compromise with their consciences and edge over toward the popular demand. This may not be highly courageous or beautiful in its ethical aspect but it is human nature. Comparatively few are constructed on a different principle. To print a netoriously untruthful

paper, having no regard whatever for any of the amenities of public or private life and pandering unblushingly to the vicious instincts of humanity, is not at first glance an alluring prospeet but it's evidently the prospect which the prevalent public taste is opening before a growing number of American publishers. In every city in the United States are decent papers, which aim to be truthful and fair. If these were supported as they should be by men and women who profess to believe in decency and truthfulness the yellow journalism which is now beplauging the country like a contagious disease would speedily shrivel up and blow away. It has no substance, no the public gives to it. It is a fungus especially encouraging to see among excresences on the surface of journalism the very persons who ought, by and normal times. I think there is \_\_cabinet ministers, semators and repre-

istle conservatism and honest dealing. Intil this matter is properly underof legislation.

The senate's action in voting almost inanimously to authorize the enlistment of two new regiments of artillery to man the moss-grown coast defence guns will receive the public's handsomely.

#### An Object Lesson.

Speaking before the Congregational Hawailan appexation, the American minister from Hawaii, Lorin A. Thurs- for a Democratic organ. ten, on Monday evening considered bilefly the question of the relation of annexation to our navy. One of the chief objections hitherto advanced against annexation has been that it would entail a large increase of our permanent naval force. Mr. Thurston upon that point had this to say:

There are some who believe that the days of war are passed, and it is gravely argued that the best naval policy of the United States is to sell its navy and go out of the navy business. President Cleveland and President McKinley have both stated that the time might arrive when the conditions would require American intervention in Cuba; and Spanish authorities have passionately declared that they would never submit to it. Sup- policy. pase that the United States should intervene and a Spanish fleet should appear off New York harbor, and suppose that you have no navy, what would you do? Send them an essay on arbitration by Carl Schurz? I do not know what else you could do unless you sent them a copy of the New York Evening Post demonstrating the iniquity and uselessness of a navy."

In the crush of Cuban developments the Hawaiian matter has been for a time obscured, but Mr. Thurston's remarks recall it into prominence and bring into clear relief the essential stupidity of the attitude of those who on grounds of economy oppose adequate national defence. The presence of the Vizcaya in New York bay, with her guns commanding property the destruction of which, possible in a few minutes should the Vizcaya's captain so elect, would cause a loss beside which the cost of double our present navy would appear in a ratio of utter insignificance, ought to teach the Carl Schurz type of statesmanship a salutary lesson. We question if any treaty of arbitration or peace memorial would silence the Vizcaya's guns in the event that Captain Eulate should receive orders from Madrid to open fire; and we are equally sure that if it should be established conclusively by our board of inquiry at Havana that the Maine was wrecked deliberately by Spain arbitration of the outrage would be the last

If the United States army doesn't take care the water branch of the service will monopolize the bouquets.

#### Unjust Discrepancies.

The need of uniformity in laws governing marriage and divorce has received recently new and vivid illustration. In New York a few weeks ago a divorce was issued to the second wife of the actor, Nat Goodwin, the respondent making no defence. It was granted with the proviso that while the woman might remarry the man should not. This prohibition so far as Goodwin is concerned holds good only in New York state. At Cleveland. O., a few days later, he married without hindrance a woman who had herself been previously divorced under the laws of New York and she will be his legal wife everywhere but in New York Another instance bringing out even

tore clearly the need of uniformity is thus reported in the New York Sun: "In giving Mark K. Hamilton a decree of absolute divorce against Hattie Maud Hamilton Justice Pryor of the Supreme court descanted yesterday on the conflict of the divorce laws. Mrs. Hamilton had obtained in Connecticut a divorce on the ground of cruelty and desertion. She then married William A. Pitzsimmons, with whom, the judge says, she is living in this city, 'decorously, in the relation of husband and newspapers, the public itself can. The | wife.' This conduct is charged in the present case as 'adulterous interthe great editor-in-chief. So long as course.' The judge says: 'I direct a it offers inducement to wanton and judgment for divorce against the denotorious lying on the part of the fendant with unaffected reluctance, and only upon compulsion of an imperative each new fake, meanwhile condemning principle in the jurisprudence of this state. \* \* \* I am obliged to pronounce a sentence of divorce against her, although by the law o. Connectisimmons was solemnized, it is valid whom yearn to do business at a loss, and unimpeachable. For, while the Their preference would be to print courts of New York uphold a divorce reputable papers but if reputable by them on constructive service of propapers are not wanted by paper buy- cess, they refuse to recognize a divorce in other states on a similar service of process. A divorce so obtained here is effectual, and authorizes a remarriage; a divorce so obtained elsewhere is a nullity, with the consequence that a remarriage is concubinage and its issue bastards. Still it is for the legislature to correct an inconmen engaged in mercantile pursuits sistency and obviate an injustice which some may deem a scandal to the jurisprudence of this state. If, however, I be constrained to award a decree against the woman, I am not forbidden to absolve her from every imputation of evil intent and immoral con-

> It seems to us that this second example of the unfairness arising from differing laws in different states requires very little comment. The injustice of it is monstrous. It should be sufficient to incite redoubled energy properly and uniformly safeguarded in every state and territory in the Union.

Ex-Premier Crispi of Italy cannot be charged with bias against Spain, yet this is what he says concerning the destruction of the Maine: "I am not a element of permanency save such as technical expert in matters of this kind, and therefore I cannot sit in growth, an abnormality. But it is not judgment on the cause of the Maine explosion. I ask myself, however, and the most eager patrons of these filthy I cannot help doing so, why such explesions do not take place in ordinary ism the very persons who ought, by and normal times. I think there is

be the steadiest defenders of journal- really believe it was due to simple accident. I admire the resignation of the United States, but with more enstood in its individual aspect there ergy the Cuban question would have need be little hope of effecting the been settled long ago." How many suppression of fake newspapers by act | Americans are there, we wonder, who dor't hold substantially the same be-

Colonel Sam Boyd makes modest and graceful announcement of his retirement as editor of the Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer, a position he has occumost cordial approval. The senate pied with great originality and much these days is redeeming its reputation ability for ten years, but adds that the paper under its new management will continue to be Democratic. This would seem to dispose of the rumor that the financial hand behind this new move club of New York upon the question of | was the hand of ex-Congressman Leisenring. He could hardly have any use

Money for Naval Enlargement. The patriotic suggestion is made in he Sun by two veterans of the civil war that those of their fellow veterans throughout the country who are pensioners voluntarily donate to the government their claims for one year, upon condition that the government take this money and purchase an adequate navy. If the suggestion were carried out it would give us about 30 additional war ships, fully equipped, and each equal to the Maine. That would be too many. Without docks, crews or supplies for them we could not find use for one-half that number, nor would so swift an enlargement of the navy be desirable as a matter of

A much better plan would be to leave undisturbed the pensions of all pensieners who deserve pensions and seure the money needed for increased naval equipment by the temporary increase of internal taxation. A cent extra a pound on tobacco and a few cents extra on each gallon of distilled spirits, wine, beer and ale would do the business and not a mother's son in all the land would have the hardihood to ob-

Robert Todd Lincoln, former secretary of war, has advanced the opinion that Spain will in no way be responsible for the loss of the battleship Maine, in case it is demonstrated that the ship was blown up by Spanish fanatles, unless it can be shown that the act was performed with the approval of the Spanish government. Robert Todd has evidently been talking to the reporter who interviewed Commander

It is said that since John Wanamaker ceased to advertise in the Philadelphia Inquirer that journal's advertising business has more than doubled. In other words, it retains both its independence and its profits.

Expect opinions on the causes of the Maine disaster, like expert testimony in a murder trial, savor of guess work.

### Touching the Fact of Responsibility

'rom Walter Wellman's Washington Dispatch in the Chicago Times-Herald. F THE Maine was destroyed from any

other cause than accident occurring within the ship. Spain is responsible for her loss, and will be held strictly there will be no lack of energy and deresting upon Spain, according to the cir-cumstances. It is incredible that the de-struction of the Maine was ordered by Spanish authority, by officials ordered to would be an outlaw among nations, a pirate. War would be instantly de-clared, and if the United States were mighty enough to do it-and she is-Spain would be destroyed as a nation. But this contingency is fortunately so remote, so far beyond reason and belief, that it needs no serious consideration.

Spain is still responsible if the Maine was blown up by a fanatic or by a con-spiracy of criminals. Should this be demonstrated the course of the United States is clear. A demand would be made upon Spain for the punishment with death of every guilty wretch who could be caught; Spain would have to pay for the Maine at her full value; she would be required to pay punitive damages; she would have to pay indemnity to the families of the ictims, and smart sums at that, and spain would be required to apologize and lisclaim. No self-respecting nation would refuse such reparation, and no one has a right to assume that Spain would refuse. If she did, war would quickly follow. Nor would it be prudent for Spain to haggle or shuffle or seek to evade. Any civilized nation would meet an emergency of this character promptly, fully and satisfac-

Spain is responsible if it be demon trated that the Maine was destroyed by accidental contact of a torpedo or mine planted by her in the harber of Havana without the aid of malice or criminal in-tent of any sort. Her responsibility in this case would be fully as great as if the crime of one of her subjects has led to the disaster, but is not to be so sharply dealt with. If malice wholly disappears from the cause, then the disaster becomes a most deplorable incident, for which Spain is responsible in a property sense and for which she must make adequate reparathe families of the victims. The United States has itself recognized the respon-sibility for disaster caused by the negligence of its agents in a case not wholly unlike this one. Years ago one of our ships attached to the Asiatic station engaged in target practice on an uninhabited island of Japan. An unexploded shell was left on the beach, and later some Japanese fooled with the cartridge. It exploded and killed a number of men. The United States recognized responsibility for their death and indemnified the famlies of the victims.

The foregoing statements are persons views of officials of the administration as to the course to be pursued by the United States in the various contings mentioned. Whatever the verdict of the court of inquiry, no one need fear that the honor and the interests of the United States will suffer. The administration is fully alive to the requirements of the sitation. It is only awaiting the finding of the court. There is nothing whatever to get excited about. There is no occasion for talking war or for trying to work the people into an unreasoning passion. The honor and dignity of the United States are not to be preserved by acting like savages, rushing out in war paint be-cause a suspicion of foul play is in the minds of a part of the people. The sest and ablest men in Washington praise the stand taken by the president, and they applaud the sensible, kenumely patriotic press of the country which avoids sensa-tionalism, cheap appeals to passion, and distortion of the facts. These same men

to the fact that after the Maine disaster has been satisfactorily disposed of, as it doubtless will be, the great question still remaining is the future of Cuba. That is a question of humanity, commerce and civilization worthy the best efforts of a nation for its solution, with peace if pos-sible, with force if necessary. On that question the United States proposes to be

#### YELLOW-KID JOURNALISM.

From the Philadelphia Times We are just now in the midst of a has We are just now in the midst of a har-vest for yellow-kid journalism. The ru-mors of war with Spain have created in-tense interest throughout the entire coun-try, and opened the most inviting field for the reckless journalism that is now struggling for mastery in some of the leading cities, to flood the country with sensational falsehoods relating to the loss of the battleship Maine, and to the prob-abilities of way between Spain and the abilities of war between Spain and the United States. As many as half a score editions of yellow-kid journals have been issued in one day, each in most instances correcting some falsehood in one of the former editions, and yet furnishing a iberal supply of new falsehoods invented with mingled malignity and cunning, to intensify the war feeling of the country and increase the sale of what are by ourtesy called newspapers.

There has not been an honest state ment relating to the loss of the battle-ship Maine and the probabilities of war with Spain published in the leading yeilow-kid journals since the loss of our war vessel in Cuban waters, with the single exception of the official statements given out daily by the administration, and made necessary by their false and sen-sational publications. The interests of national tranquility and of truth compet the president, through the state or navy departments, to give out daily an official contradiction of the scores of sensational and generally utterly false rumors of war which the yellow-kid journals flaunt hour y into the faces of the people.

Fortunately yellow-kid journalism represents but a very insignificant part of the journalism of the nation. There are in all the leading cities thoroughly repre sentative American journals which pub-lish the truth for the sake of the truth and which make exhaustive effort regard less of cost, to furnish all the news re-lating to our Spanish struggles, and print only what appears to be properly accredited. But for these journals which adhere to the truth and seek to restrain the passions and conserve the actions of the eople, the country today would be in a condition little short of anarchy. Value have been wantonly disturbed, busines tranquility interrupted, and popular pre-judices inspired among the people which may make it difficult for the government to perform the duty that the president in the end must perform with fidelity, in lealing in even and exact justice with

If there is cause for war, the government will not shrink from declaring it. If there is not cause for war, the government will not shrink from admitting t, regardless of the floodtide of sensa-tional falsehood that comes from the putrid fountain of yellow-kid journalism. The people do not want to be deceived, and if they would not be deceived about our relations with Spain they should reso-lutely spurn the yellow-kid journals of the country which seek success and profit by pandering to anarchy. The newspa-pers which present the truth for the sake of the truth are well known in every community, and they should be carefully studied by all classes and conditions as they point the way to national safety. Above all, let every decent citizen, and especially every business man, resent the yellow-kid journalism of today that seeks only to inflame and disturb when all seif-respecting journals and citizens should seek to tranquilize and maintain the majesty of justice.

#### WANAMAKER VS. QUAY.

W. E. Curtis in Chicago Record. The political storm center is in the neighborhood of the Philadelphia post-office at present, and a good deal of plotting and playing is going on there beaccountable. As to her responsibiliting and playing is going on there be ity in that case there is no question, and tween the Quay and Wanamaker fac tions of the Republican party. The new postmaster is a Quay man, and the Wanconted States will make upon the Madrid government. But any man who pauses for a moment to think will see that there are various degrees of the responsibility resting upon Spain, according to the all spaces of the responsibility of the anti-Quay faction won, and the spaces of the responsibility resting upon Spain, according to the all spaces of the responsibility resting upon Spain, according to the all spaces of the responsibility resting upon Spain, according to the spaces of the responsibility resting upon Spain, according to the spaces of the responsibility resting upon Spain, according to the spaces of the responsibility resting upon Spain, according to the spaces of the responsibility resting upon Spain, according to the spaces of the responsibility resting upon Spain, according to the spaces of the responsibility resting upon Spain, according to the spaces of the responsibility resting upon Spain, according to the spaces of the responsibility resting upon Spain, according to the spaces of the responsibility resting upon Spain, according to the spaces of the responsibility resting upon Spain, according to the spaces of the responsibility resting upon Spain, according to the spaces of the responsibility resting upon Spain, according to the spaces of the responsibility resting upon Spain, according to the spaces of the responsibility resting upon Spain, according to the spaces of the responsibility resting upon Spain, according to the spaces of the responsibility resting upon Spain according to the spaces of the responsibility resting upon Spain according to the spaces of the responsibility resting upon Spain according to the spaces of the responsibility which is very important, as it dictates the nominations and runs the election ma-chinery. A few days before the event the epresent the government. But if this hould turn out to be the case there could comstantial account of an alleged case of but one punishment to fit the crime. Epain would be an outlaw among nations. The United States would no more have diplomatic intercourse with her than with a pirate. War would be instantly dewhich they were advised that the tenure of their employment depended upon their political influence and activity, and that they were afforded a good chance to dis-play it in behalf of the Quay ticket at the approaching election.

This publication, of course, caused great deal of excitement among the poli-ticians, and particularly among the mug-wumps and civil service reformers, as it was interpreted to mean that the administration was anti-Wanamaker, and was permitting the use of official patronage and power to secure his defeat. The publication undoubtedly cost the Quay can-didates a large number of votes. Complaint was made to Washington by both sides, and two investigations were or-dered, one by the postmaster general and the other by the civil service commission In the latter case a volunteer commit-tee, consisting of William Dudley Foulke of Indianapolis; Charles Jerome Bona-parte, of Baltimore, and Richard Henry Dana, of Boston, was authorized to conduct the inquiry, while the postoffice de-partment intrusted that duty to an ordi-nary special agent. The great mugwumps have not yet completed their report, but it is expected daily. The postoffice in-spector finds that no such meeting as described in the Wanamaker newspapers was ever held, that no such speech was ever made and that the postmaster carefully abstained from any attempt to con-trol the votes or political conduct of his subordinates. Affidavits signed by every man who was represented to have been present at the meeting have been sub-mitted to that effect, and fully acquit the postmaster. It now appears that a man of the name of McDevitt gave the anti-Quay managers the information upon which the published account of the bulldozing was based, and it appears to have been an invention of his own.

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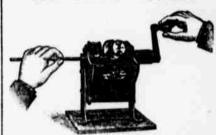
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