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Are we allied or not allied? is the question of the hour.

Protect the Churches.

The question whether a license to sell liquor should be granted for a place in the immediate vicinity of a church is not one of personalities nor of politics nor of principle.

Profiting by Experience.

The New York Sun deduces from recent events this timely and wholesome lesson: "In the present condition of the world's politics, when all the other nations impelled by various motives, are arming almost in mad haste, it is not the time for a wealthy nation like our own to sit in beatific contemplation of the beauties of unarmed peace."

Disingenuous Counsel.

Occasionally something is to be gained by looking at ourselves through others' spectacles. The Toronto Globe, through very wise and superior when commenting on American topics, takes the Cuban problem as the pretext for reading us a lecture warning us against the perils of a policy of annexation.

It is worthy of remark in passing that the Globe in this belief is directly at variance with our own best military and naval authorities. But we waive this point and continue to quote "Annexation propositions traverse at right angles the advice given by the Father of His Country in the well-known farewell address wherein he warned his countrymen against entanglements in European politics. It is difficult to see how the United States could engage in the fascinating game of picking up unsundered trifles in the way of islands without giving good cause for the belief that they were in the game like the other nations, and must comport themselves like those nations in other respects.

The Commercial Advertiser expresses an opinion that there will be no war because there has been so much talk about it. "This is suggestive of the small boy who whistles to keep his courage up on a dark night."

can scarcely be any half-way between the present peace footing and a masterful preparedness, and if the former state is ever abandoned it will not be long before the taxpayers of the United States are bearing an armament fully as burdensome as the efforts of civilization which it has been the custom in the past to contain.

The trouble with our Canadian adviser is that it underestimates the American character and intelligence. Those in this country who argue for preparedness for war do not argue for war. On the contrary, their intent is peace—that peace which intelligently directed force is nearly always able to command.

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time nation that has possession of the islands and owns Pearl Harbor, is one that can be most satisfactorily settled by the opinions and reports of skilled and experienced officers of the army and navy, of whom we have a number that stand at the head of their profession. Almost with one accord, and for reasons that they all agree upon, this great body of officers declare with earnest emphasis that Hawaii is indispensable to the protection of our western coast; that it will enable us to dispense with expensive land defenses at many of our lesser ports, which otherwise we should be compelled to build; that it would enable us to defend our very extensive coast on the Pacific with fewer ships than we must now employ, because our coast-line is the arc of a great circle, of which Pearl Harbor is the center, and that, in the event of a war of invasion directed against our Pacific coast no nation could afford to take the risk of a direct attack upon any of our harbors without first driving us from our advanced and fortified position in Hawaii. These opinions of able and responsible military officers have not been shaken, in the least degree, by those of the opponents of annexation who seem to dread the fate of our armies and navies when they are found a little way from home, with no safe line of retreat.

A SHOWING WORTH EXAMINING.

From the New York Sun. The assessed valuation of real and personal property in the United States at the time of the eleventh census was \$5,723,254,415. This is an understatement of the wealth of the nation in 1880, but the figures are sufficiently impressive. Between 1880 and 1890 the total assessed valuation had increased from \$1,189,863,425 to \$23,434,415, and the assessed valuation per capita had increased from \$147.73 to \$107.15.

Now, in matters merely of local improvement, not of national self-protection and self-preservation, an expenditure and an indebtedness up to 10 per cent. of total valuation are regarded as within the limit of prudence set by financial experience. Ten per cent. of thirty billion is three thousand million dollars; and three thousand million dollars make sixty times the amount of the initial appropriation voted for defensive purposes last week by a patriotic congress. The present interest-bearing national debt is \$42,000,000. That is to say, congress might go on appropriating \$3,000,000 a week for every week of the rest of the year before it had imposed upon our national wealth a burden of bonded indebtedness corresponding to the limit set by the character of New York upon bonding for local improvements.

And after the 10 per cent. limit had been reached? Well, then it might be time to begin to talk about extraordinary outlays and pecuniary sacrifices for the sake of the nation's safety and honor. These thirty billions are fighting battles, if fighting there must be, and in any consideration of the nation's capacity to prosecute and win a war they constitute a principal factor.

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