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All talk of the retention by Spain of a nominal sovereignty over Cuba is arrant nonsense.

Dr. Swallow. In forecasting the political probabilities in Pennsylvania this year eight months ago...

It begins to look somewhat doubtful whether the Wanamaker revolt is going to fulfill the expectations of its founders.

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This great, thinking, silent vote was cast five months ago for Dr. Swallow. It made little stir in advance, but when the ballots were counted it surprised folks.

The Maine's death list has been officially estimated at 256, and the monument of these brave sailors will soon be Cuba made free.

Anthracite for Naval Purposes. The recent action of the Commercial club of Wilkes-Barre in urging upon congress the superior merits of anthracite as compared with bituminous coal as fuel for naval purposes has met with unexpected indorsement.

"Nearly every officer who has commanded one of our ships during the past few years has had personal knowledge of accidents narrowly averted as the result of combustion in the coal bunkers next to the ship's magazine.

"What is said about the evil effects of soft coal smoke is equally pertinent. There is force in the proposition that if smokeless powder is necessary to the emergency of naval operations, so also is smokeless coal.

evade discovery. Why should the government expend millions on smokeless powder and yet, in order to save a few cents per ton, adhere to the dirty and dangerous soft coal which neutralizes every advantage secured by that expenditure?

These confessions are the more remarkable when we remember that the Post is published in a community largely interested in bituminous coal mining.

Polo denies that he said Spain wouldn't fight if we should recognize Cuban independence.

Recognition of Independence. The diplomatic consequences of American recognition of the Cuban republic are thus explained in the Washington Post:

The proposed recognition will not change the status of General Lee. He will still be the consul general of the United States at the Spanish port of Havana, and will remain such until his resignation is accepted.

This explanation, we take it, presupposes that when the United States government shall have recognized Cuban independence it will go no further.

Spain's title to Cuba has been forfeited by Spain's unexampled misrule. Why pay further deference to it? Congress will make a mistake if it shall permit the currency question to arise in debate at this time and imperil the splendid unanimity of feeling which, under the stimulus of a foreign emergency, has so recently caused the disappearance of party lines.

A Theorist. It was a significant fact that the only voice of objection raised in this country to the recent patriotic action of congress in voting \$50,000,000 into the president's hands for the nation's defense came from the president's wilful adversary and rival, Hon. William L. Wilson.

The morning after the bill passed the house I directed the attention of the students of the university to the putting of this immense sum, for war preparation or purposes, at the discretion of the president, as a signal departure from the role of specific appropriation, so scrupulously observed since Mr. Jefferson's day.

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pressly saying that I was not in possession of the facts on which the house acted, and therefore was not criticizing its action, and that both the president and Secretary had possessed the full confidence of the country.

Giving Professor Wilson the full benefit of his corrections, the position assumed by him toward this matter still strikingly illustrates the idealistic and impractical bent of his mind.

A Montreal correspondent of the Sun has been investigating the feeling of the people of Canada with reference to the United States and he affirms that most of the spread-eagle talk about undying loyalty to the British flag and most of the stone-throwing at Uncle Sam come from office-holders and their dependents, while the producers and taxpayers of the dominion are becoming more and more discontented.

The next gubernatorial primary battle will be fought in Lawrence county on Saturday.

The Washington Post calls congressmen "Tom Reed's recontractors."

The president is advised not to let "How Can I?" hang much longer upon "I Would."

Sir Henry Bessemer and His Life Work

It is refreshing in considering the notable achievements of great inventors, to happen upon an occasional instance where fortune has not only smiled on but has well rewarded genius.

In a measure the discovery of Bessemer's process was accidental. To begin with, he had no knowledge of chemistry and metallurgy when he first set about his investigations into steel.

As soon as he was sufficiently recovered to resume his work he set about making a retort in which he could test his new idea. It was so constructed that a blast of cold air was forced into the bottom so that it could pass through melted iron in the upper part of the retort.

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covery of immense importance. It malleable iron and steel could be produced direct from pig iron by a process so rapid and simple it could not fail before long to effect an entire revolution in the iron trade.

The chemistry of the Bessemer process is simple, so simple in fact that the wonder is it was not sooner applied to the making of iron, and Bessemer first called it "the manufacture of iron and steel without fuel."

Before the Bessemer process came into use the production of steel in Great Britain was only 50,000 tons a year, and the average price was \$250 a ton.

SENATOR PROCTOR'S SPEECH.

Public opinion in this country has been influenced to an extraordinary extent by Senator Proctor's speech describing what he saw in Cuba.

WANAMAKER FIGURES.

Friends of John Wanamaker stated yesterday that they were not willing to admit that William A. Stone would be elected governor for 1898.

PREMONITORY.

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