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Beginning today and until further notice, The Tribune will post on its bulletin board continuous news bulletins covering developments in the Cuban problem at Washington and Madrid.

Concerning Peace. The American Peace society of Boston, speaking through its board of directors, has addressed to President McKinley a message strongly endorsing his policy in dealing with the relations of the United States with Spain and Cuba.

Humane men throughout the world (and nowhere so strongly as in the United States) deplore the distress and suffering in the Cuban population. Every influence possible to the United States should be exerted to exterminate these horrible conditions, every influence short of war. We ask for no policy of cowardice, but of stern self-control.

With this strong petition for peace, the better sentiment of the country will agree, under certain conditions, which need to be more emphatically stated. In dealing with a mad dog it is generally necessary to use force.

If we understand the position of the American Peace society it is not only opposed to war, but also to preparedness for war—to large and efficient armies, to strong and well disciplined armies and militia, to effective coast fortifications and the power for peace that resides in thorough readiness for war.

Certainly the American people want peace. But they want peace as well in Cuba as in their own country and on the high seas. They don't want a peace at home which has to be preserved at the price of dishonor and insult abroad.

In one year England intends without any fuss to spend on her navy nearly two and one-half as much money as Congress voted for our national defense.

For Us to Say. Cuba aims to be as free as the United States. Is this government to stare upon her with the cold eyes of diplomacy and spend the days in cabling with Madrid, while her citizens are slaughtered with atrocity that forbids the massacre of Wyoming to be named in the same breath, and while her soldiers fight against privations that recall Valley Forge?

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for the United States to succor this people struggling in our footsteps for the realization of the same vision that inspired ourselves, and to liberate them from Spain, even if the dynasty falls.

Perhaps Secretary of the Commonwealth Martin begins to regard Philadelphia politics as too impure for a decent man to be identified with.

The Will of the People. The dominant sentiment of the country is embodied in the various resolutions yesterday introduced in Congress preparatory to the recognition and accomplishment of Cuban independence.

Upon Spain is the choice. Freedom for Cuba, complete, unconditional and immediate, or war, swift, fierce and overwhelming. The temper of Congress is the temper of the American people.

Senator Elkins says the Maine disaster does not differ from the lynching of those Italians in New Orleans during the Mafia excitement. For that affair our government paid an indemnity and expressed regrets.

The Belligerents Compared. The attitude of Spain toward the Cuban insurgents is a changing one; but the attitude of the Cuban insurgents toward Spain has not from the beginning changed in the slightest degree.

Spain initially branded the insurgents as bandits and outlaws, to be hunted down and shot whenever and wherever possible. During this period, although there were pitched battles between Spain's forces and the Cuban army of liberation, Spain took no prisoners of war.

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who have married English husbands. An export bounty on English-bound wives, according to this view, would be one strong auxiliary of peace.

Because Judge Bradley of the district of Columbia courts, after sentencing to death a particularly brutal murderer, remarked unofficially to an attorney who was his personal friend, that "lynching probably would be better."

Although the negro population of Louisiana equals the white, that state is now supporting nearly three schools for whites to every one school for negroes. Depriving the negro of a chance to learn something and then disfranchising him because he is ignorant is evidently the Louisiana programme, and it can only be met by proportionally cutting down Louisiana's representation in Congress.

Mr. Cleveland has "declined to allow his sorrow for those who died on the Maine to be perverted to an advertising scheme for the New York Journal."

Penny wise and pound foolish describes to a nicety the past attitude of Congress and the American people on the subject of national defense.

A new controversy has arisen in Philadelphia, concerning the Keely motor, but the motor itself is as still as ever.

It would be a good plan to wall up Wall street until the war excitement has subsided.

The American people are not in a mood for compromises.

The Maine Report and the Message

From the Philadelphia Press. THE report on the Maine is a model. The president's message meets all the needs of the occasion. The judicial calm of the sober text will commend both to the country and to the civilized world.

The evidence marshalled by the court in its report is convincing. In a technical problem of this difficult and intricate character it would have been easy to confuse the chief issue with subordinate details. With skill and precision the court presents the facts which decide the occurrence of an external and internal explosion. The bottom of the boat was bent in and thrown up, the keel plates were lifted and the keel above their original position.

With like sobriety and reserve, President McKinley has laid the report and its accompanying evidence before Congress. Speaking for a great nation and addressing the world, not only his own Congress, President McKinley permits himself no departure from the austere dignity of his office.

The "deliberate consideration" which President McKinley invokes the country will give in the same spirit and in the same unanimous decision with which it met Captain Sigsbee's plea for a "suspense of judgment" on the morrow of the disaster.

The president's advice today displays like wisdom and will ripen to a like result. Whatever the answer of Spain, the United States can wait in the significant silence of the president, shared with equal dignity by Congress, making no charges and uttering no threats, aware that time and justice work together in a world where no life is sacrificed in vain and no duty done goes unrewarded in the arbitrament of fate.

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Porto Rico to King Philippe of France for the sum of \$2,000,000, and that the deal fell through because the thrifty French monarch tried to get a few thousands thrown off the price demanded.

SPAIN'S WARSHIPS AND OURS.

From the New York Tribune. The Spanish warship Pelayo has of late been mentioned as about equal in strength to our own Indiana, and has been speculated upon as evenly balanced and indeterminate in advance.

Much has been said also about the Emperor Carlos V. She is not a battleship, but an armored cruiser. Let us see how she compares with, for example, the Brooklyn. The Spanish is 12 tons lighter, 20 feet shorter, 3 feet broader, 1 foot shallower, has 289 less horse-power and is nearly two knots slower.

NEED OF UNIFORMITY.

From the Philadelphia Ledger. There is great need of closer approach to uniformity in the election laws, and in particular, in the qualification of voters. At present no two states have precisely similar laws on this subject.

A VOICE FROM THE WEST.

By the poet-Laureate of Great Britain, Alfred Austin. What is the voice I hear On the wind of the Western sea?

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