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SCRANTON, APRIL 11, 1898.



Good morning! Will Spain yield without a struggle?

No Compromise!

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ate, pledged to last only until the nascent republic can stand erect and walk alone in honor and confidence among the independent powers that be.

An armistice even if accepted by the insurgents would not replace the Maine nor restore to life her 286 murdered sailors. Spain must pay for this.

A Plea for Magnanimity.

The recent manifesto of Attorney Rubens should be considered fairly. It was most ill-timed; it put a weapon at a critical moment in the hands of an element at Washington which up to that time had been resisting with no success whatever the attempt to commit this government to a policy of forcible intervention in Cuba.

To understand Mr. Rubens' frame of mind we must consider the subject as well from the Cuban as from the American point of view.

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seeking whom it could devour. The party needs a rest.

Spain will soon learn that it takes two to make an armistice.

Sane Review of the Executive's Policy

From the Philadelphia Press. THE president, on Monday, transmits to congress and the country a message both will approve. With it the country enters on a policy just, bold, vigorous and at the same time feasible by law and by precedent.

A change from this policy was envisioned with peril. Neither our fleet nor our army was provided with munitions of war. No amount today for president and contents of forts and arsenals, ships and magazines but was appalled at the prospect of hostile collision, even with Spain.

This magnificent triumph, moral, material, military and diplomatic, which places the United States in an unchallenged position, untrammelled by the recognition of a republic unable to stand alone, and itself alone arbiter of the destinies of Cuba, has been won step by step without collision abroad and without disturbance at home.

Just as this grew plain to all the world in February the cup of Spain's iniquity was filled by the destruction of the Maine. He has the right to every responsibility of the mine which blew up the Maine what it may, its deadly work proved the collapse of Spanish administration in Cuba.

Two months will round in a week since the Maine exploded, and eight months have passed since President McKinley began his great task. The action is armed and ready. The neglect of years has been rectified. No sinning against the world. Spain stands convicted before the world. The United States, backed by irresistible force, faces the guilty nation. The Spanish flag is left Cuba. The Spanish garrison will follow. If war comes it will come by the act of Spain beginning a futile conflict doomed to defeat.

Let Americans, then, be as chivalrous in pardon as they were quick in resentment of an affront which they misunderstood.

The completion yesterday of the local pastorate of Rev. Dr. Joseph K. Dixon supplies an opportunity for saying that this energetic and devoted clergyman will carry with him to his future field of usefulness the best wishes of a large circle of Scranton friends and admirers.

It was worth \$2,500,000 to this country to learn how inadequately it was prepared to resist even a fourth-rate and bankrupt European power.

to give up yet, Mexico, according to Mr. Lummis, comes very near being a better governed nation than the United States.

MR. CONNELL'S CANDIDACY.

Honest in Intent. From the Wilkes-Barre Record.

It is apparent that if Mr. Connell has a hopeful prospect of success in the convention it must be based on the expectation of being taken up as a compromise candidate. We do not for a moment believe that Mr. Connell would take the field in the manner he has merely as a decoy in the interest of some other aspirant, as Mr. Mylin did in Lancaster.

There is one American manufacturer who employs the best foreign designers and makes goods that will neither fade, cockle or shrink, it matters not how many colorings there are in any design—besides the weaving qualities of these goods is superior to that of any foreign production—and the styles always the latest.

An Excellent Platform.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer. We welcome Mr. Connell into the contest, believing that the office is such an honorable one that honorable men will honor it and themselves in aspiring to it.

Estimating the Chances. "Roderick Random" is the Times. The candidacy of William Connell for governor, before the Republican state convention is apt to assume very respectable proportions.

STAND BY THE PRESIDENT. From the Syracuse Standard. Stop talking of your president as if you were a Spaniard who hated him.

AFTER FREEDOM—WHAT? From the Syracuse Post. The question is asked in a communication to a New York paper; the writer asks in a question that no one can answer.

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