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Senator Quay's Speech.

It is the glory of free government that the occasion in America always attracts the man. This was yesterday.

Not only a stable but a republican form of government in Cuba is the sentiment of the nation.

We have had three years of diplomatic delinquency, during which Spanish authority has made sport of our protest.

Where in the history of mankind since the human race had birth is there a parallel instance of savagery equal to that given by Spain in Cuba.

The Message.

With the exception of one feature the president's message is a document which ought to receive the unqualified approval of the American people.

Whether the reticence of the president on this issue was in deference to the past attitude of neutrality which our government has assumed or was meant as a waver to congress.

No wonder Blanco trembled when he heard that Lee and the other consuls had left.

The Consular Reports.

Compared with the consular reports the president's message is tame and colorless. The message makes no argument for Cuban freedom.

But the consular reports, the liberal synopsis of which, appearing elsewhere, we commend to the attentive perusal of our readers.

Spain. In the light of them the flag of Castile stands forth as a symbol of infamy in contrast with which the black emblem of piracy is white as the driven snow.

The piping treble of diplomacy may treat these chronicles of barbarity as mere incidents of an internecine war.

We much mistake the temper of congress and the American people if the next fortnight shall not start effective forces moving for the absolute freeing of Cuba.

Paying the Freight.

Says the Syracuse Post: "If the United States goes to war with Spain over Cuba it will necessarily suffer more or less damage and be put to considerable expense.

Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is tramping out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;

I have seen him in the watch-towers of a hundred circling camps; They have built Him an altar in the evening's dews and damps;

I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnish'd rows of steel; "As ye deal with My contemners, so with you My grace shall deal;

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; He is sitting out on the hearts of men before His judgment seat;

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea; With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;

Indemnify this country for the losses it has sustained? Is it proposed to expend millions of dollars in preparations for war.

We do not remember ever to have read a more disreputable inquiry. Do we want to force Cuba to pay us for doing our duty?

Further patience with Spain, after yesterday's revelations, would be an international crime.

The Regular Army.

An army man writes to the Sun a letter touching the pending bill for the reorganization of the line of the regular army.

Remember that the man who confesses ignorance is generally laying for some one's scalp.

The Battle Cry of Cuban Liberation

The Stars and Stripes have been hailed down from the wreck of the Maine. The United States has no more to go with the jagged mass of iron that serves as a pedestal for that monument to Spain's shame.

When Spain destroyed the Maine she did not weaken this nation, she strengthened it. She took from us a warship. She gave us a spiritual force.

A WISE LEADER.

From the Syracuse Post. The best friend of the colored race that has appeared for many years is Booker T. Washington.

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The autonomist cabinet at Havana which claimed to represent a majority of the inhabitants of the island had really a constituency, according to Consul General Lee, of itself and about twenty others.

In case of conflict many of the war shouters will probably show their patriotism by liberal patronage of the beer upon which an extra war tax has been imposed.

It is altogether possible that some one will be displeased with the proposed settlement of the Cuban affair. It is difficult to please everybody.

In the meantime is Hawaii to be left out in the cold?

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MR. CONNELL'S CANDIDACY.

A Plea for Fair Play. From the Lebanon Report. Hon. William Connell, of Scranton, member of congress from the Eleventh district.

Hon. William Connell, of Scranton, member of congress from the Eleventh district, has announced his candidacy for the gubernatorial nomination.

Against his promptly comes one of the Scranton Republicans—Chief among its objections being that Mr. Connell has not the genuine backing of his county.

The decision of Counsel Rubens not to talk about the message shows that Mr. Rubens can learn.

One doesn't need to be surprised now that General Lee wasn't popular in Havana.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe Cast: 1:54 a. m. for Tuesday April 11, 1898.

A child born on this day will notice that the war excitement has developed the conversational talents of a large number of open-faced local converts of yellow journalism.

Spain certainly possesses attainments. Her skill in bamboozling Uncle Sam so long is worthy of a better cause.

A good deal of talent, like virgin gold, needs to undergo the crucible process in order to be of any use in the world.

The Race Is Still Open.

Hon. William Connell has formally announced himself as a candidate for governor. Mr. Connell will have a good chance with the field though an earlier statement of his position might have contributed more stability.

The race, in fact, is still open. In view of the numerous candidates in the field and their claims regarding their chances.

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A LOWER LUZERNE VIEW.

From the Hazleton Plain-Speaker. If you are anxious for war, if you are dissatisfied with your present surroundings, if you want to escape creditors, if you have a wife and children and your mother-in-law is miserable for you because you're out of your house.

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