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STAND BY THE FLAG!

Absolutely Senseless Hair-Splitting.

To the lay mind there does not appear to be enough practical difference between the resolution passed by the house and that reported by the foreign relations committee...

The other asserts that "the people of the island of Cuba are, and of right ought to be, free and independent; and it is the duty of the United States to demand and the government of the United States does hereby demand that the government of Spain at once relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters..."

Let us compare the two. Is their effect different? Can a "stable and independent" government be established in Cuba "by the free action of the people thereof" while Spanish force remains in Cuba to restrain such free action? Can such a government be "independent" while hampered by Spain? Can presidential intervention "at once" be carried into effect without necessarily resulting in the ejection of Spain? If there is any meaning in the English language or any force in the logic of recognized facts, answer must be made in the negative...

But, say the extreme partisans of the senate resolution: "If you intervene in the first instance to stop the war, you must use force chiefly against the insurgents. Spain having already suspended hostilities." Granting this, are the insurgents going to resist an intervention which specifically and unequivocally guarantees the accomplishment of the sole purpose for which they have taken up arms against Spain—namely, the establishment in Cuba, "by the free action of the people thereof, of a stable and independent government of their own?"

Mr. Bryan will receive a respectful welcome in Scranton. He is an exceptional man who is well worth seeing and hearing. Whether he will win over any votes or not is another question.

Efforts at dress reform through the medium of bicycle styles are not likely to prove very fruitful. The fact that the ordinary woman looks like a fright

utterly without cause or provocation that if attempted, which is not supposed as a question of fact, it would deserve to be overpowered. The American people have determined that Cuba shall be free and independent; that they shall freely establish a stable government of their own. What more could any Cuban or any American friend of Cuba want?

The senate should adopt the house resolution speedily and get in line with the imperious will of the people.

The Republicans of the Fourth legislative district have shown good judgment in according a unanimous nomination to Hon. John F. Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds is not only a popular candidate whose chances of election are excellent, but he is moreover a well-informed, trustworthy and efficient representative who did splendid work during his first term and will do still better work when re-elected.

The Philippine Islands.

Nothing in the way of Spanish cruelty or misrule can hereafter be considered surprising but the Independent contains a description, by Dean C. Worcester, of the University of Michigan, of Spain's practices in the Philip-

in a bicycle suit when off the wheel will discourage ambitious women who may lean to short skirts and leggings. Women generally are not anxious to adopt costumes that make them look hideous even to follow the teachings of the strong-minded of their sex, and it is probable that for some time to come the ladies who insist on appearing on foot in bicycle uniform will be regarded as "odd."

C. Fred Wright, candidate for congress to succeed Mr. Codding, of the Fifteenth district, is making a lively canvass for the honor, and seems to have an excellent chance to capture the prize. Mr. Wright is a Susquehanna banker and brother of the late Hon. Myron R. Wright. He has for years been identified with Susquehanna county politics, and though still a young man, is thoroughly acquainted with the workings of the party in the Fifteenth district.

Many readers will doubtless observe that there has been considerable faking on the part of some one in the bulletin board service about the city recently, false and sensational reports having evidently been put out for the purpose of creating excitement. The Tribune bul-

essions and citizens. Likewise an attack of the continental powers on the United States would, if successful, stop every citizen of his rights to think, speak and write what he likes. A monarchy would take the place of the republic and royalty would array itself in fine purple at the expense of the people. It would not be a limited monarchy like England, it must be remembered, but an absolute monarchy like Russia. The horrors numbered three and could never be degraded to such a level, and the best way to preserve our liberty and our speech is to agree to an alliance with England.

"The coming of the Slav" is a phrase that strikes terror of the heart. If he should overrun England it would not be so long before he would cross the Atlantic and attempt to Russinize "the land of the free."

MR. CONNELL'S MILITIA BILL.

From a Washington Dispatch. Representative William Connell, of Scranton, has just introduced an important bill in the United States house of representatives which provides for reorganizing, arming, equipping and disciplining a portion of the militia, and to be called the National Guard of the United States. The bill is numbered 723, and empowers the president of the United States to organize an army out of the state militia, to consist of 200,000 men, apportioned equally between the several states according to their ratio of present enrolled militia liable to military duty, and to prescribe the system of drill, discipline and instruction by which the new organization shall be governed.

The period of enlistment is fixed at three years, and while it retains its identity as a state organization it is nevertheless subject to the orders of the president of the United States in case of war, insurrection or invasion for the period of six months during each term of enlistment. The president, under the provisions of the bill in question, may, at his convenience, mobilize the guard of the several states for the purpose of instruction, inspection, parade, maneuvers, reviews, etc., for a period not exceeding twenty days in each year. When this is done the compensation and allowances per diem to the officers are to be the same as that of officers of like rank in the regular army. The enlisted men are paid as follows: Non-commissioned officers of the general staff, \$2.50 per day; non-commissioned officers of the regimental staff, \$2.00 per day; first sergeants, \$2.50 per day; sergeants, \$2.00 per day; corporals, \$1.75 per day; privates, \$1.50 per day. All expenses for carrying out the provisions of the bill are to be paid out of the national treasury.

Each organization of state militia signifying a willingness to become a part of the National Guard of the United States, must before acceptance of the same, be inspected by an officer detailed by the president for the purpose. Should any state refuse to organize its proportion quota within two years after the passage of this act it will work an abandonment of its rights to appoint the officers of its militia as members of the National Guard of the United States, and the president may so and complete the organization under the authority conferred by this act, and the National Guard, so organized, shall be considered as exclusively United States troops, in the same manner as made and provided for the regular army. This branch of the National Guard shall be exempt from the draft of the officers and men of the active National Guard shall be exempt from draft during their term of enlistment, and any men who have served five years and have been discharged as honorably as the officers and men of the active National Guard shall be exempt from draft until all other able-bodied men within their respective states or territories shall have been drafted.

CONDUCTIVE TO HARMONY.

From the Olympian Record. Hon. William Connell has publicly declared himself as a candidate for the nomination of governor before the state convention of Republicans. Mr. Connell is the strongest man that can be presented from northeastern Pennsylvania, and we believe him to be eminently qualified to be governor of our state. He is a truly representative man, and his fervent patriotism and executive ability highly commend him to the attention of the party in the state. He also free from partisan rancor which has of late become such a blot on the ranks of the party, and his nomination would undoubtedly restore harmony and secure victory in the next election.

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It is noticed that traces of war paint still remain on the face of Senator Quay.

In the parlance of the histrionic profession, General Lee has "made a hit."

And the yellow journals are rapidly assuming a blood-red tint.

Briton and Yankee Against the World

From the Wilkes-Barre Record. THE greatest movement in the line of statecraft in centuries would be a union of both branches of the Anglo-Saxon race; a union of interest and policy of these countries for the benefit of all mankind. God has ordained a consummation so worthy to be wished. It is becoming more apparent every moment, in view of all that is happening in Europe, that the United States and England are the only allies, representative of liberty and law against militarism and despotic government. Thus it is imperative that they come together and form a compact for the continued preservation of human rights and the advancement of all Christian, humane principles.

It is said Lord Salisbury a few weeks ago spoke hopefully of such a union and it is significant that the idea found instant favor among the representative people of both countries. The British Empire and the American Republic are closely related to each other in blood, language and ideas. Both are highly gifted in the qualities needed to carry out the higher ideas of civilization. Both understand the real meaning of liberty and equality, a government of, for and by the people, and both have heavenly fire in the blood needed to stimulate them to further advancement in the line of culture and progress. These nations are the only ones that hate injustice of all kinds and will not tolerate for one moment any form of political injustice. Recent events, however, show that this form of oppression is condoned in Latin countries on the slightest pretext and that the people themselves submit to it like craven cowards and spit upon those who endeavor to heal their wounds and illumine their intelligence.

The time is now at hand when the English and the Americans should feel that each has in the other a friend and brother in time of need. It is not necessary that such should fight the battles of the other on all occasions, for this would hardly be practical. But let it be understood that in the event of an attack on either country that would mean an attack on "the liberty of the people," that would mean an attempt to degrade freemen and to put them back where they once were as mere creatures of despot, then let both act together.

For instance, an attempt to isolate and humiliate England by the other continental powers should call for our services in its behalf. For, if successful, it would mean a blow at the will of the freemen and a distinct gain for militarism and despotism. If Russia and Germany and France together attacked England it would destroy the rights of the individual and place the "soldier" far above the Judge, the learned pri-

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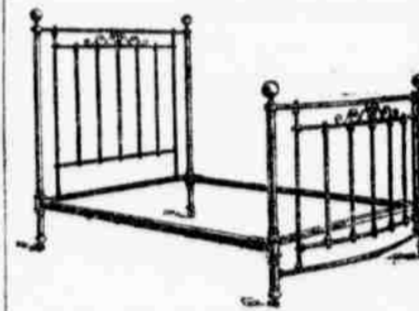


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