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It will not take President McKinley long to recognize the Cuban republic when it shall have become one in fact as well as in name.

Inexplicable.

The great body of the American people stand amazed and dumfounded at the spectacle presented yesterday in the congress of the United States of a question involving the issue of peace or war kicked about from post to pillar and from pillar to post in apparently an insane struggle for partisan, factional or personal advantage.

On the surface the visible difference between the senate and house was scarcely so much as would bridge the gap between two worlds and two worlds. Recognition of independence? Was it not pledged as an assured consequence of the proposed intervention, however authorized? Friendship for Cuba? Was it shown in a course which postpones decisive action while hourly new thousands of Cubans starve? Hatred of Spain? Was it gratified by a course in which insensate huzzling over a minor technicality enables Spain to strengthen her defenses and otherwise further her preparations for resistance?

When the American people in 1896 elected to keep Tom Reed in the speaker's chair they knew what they were about.

Our Reward.

While virtue is its own reward there is no reflection upon the unselfishness which prompts Cuban intervention in calling attention to the probability that the American people will indirectly and in a wholly legitimate manner get a good deal out of that intervention after it shall have borne fruit in the establishment in Cuba of a stable republic.

If we did the Cuban people to achieve their independence, we shall, of course, hold the fortifications of Havana, and any others, for a time, if it is for their good and ours that we should do so.

Ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster, a recognized authority on international law, informs the New York

and the standards of the other, it will be a very simple thing to make American influence honorably and profitably predominant in this rich and charming island which already bears such a romantic relationship to the United States.

Mr. Bryan will have no reason to complain of his welcome to Scranton. It was cordial and complete—the tribute which an American city should pay to the man who received 6,500,000 votes for president of the United States.

Our Liability for Spain's Debts.

A legal question of much interest has claimed the attention of many during consideration of the Cuban intervention problem. It concerns the legal liability of the intervening power for the debt which Spain has contracted with the revenues of Cuba as its security.

The first loan was made in 1886, and was nominally for \$121,000,000 at 6 per cent. There are \$117,570,000 of the bonds outstanding, and the interest and sinking-fund charges per annum are \$7,528,200.

These views are concurred in by the Hon. John A. Kasson, special reciprocity commissioner, and a leading international lawyer and diplomat.

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Two years ago Mr. Bryan was glad to earn \$5 a week by writing editorials for an Omaha newspaper. Today he has his date-book filled with lecture engagements at from \$200 to \$500 per.

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Now if Europe wants to keep the peace let her address an ultimatum to Spain.

Splendid Type of Virile Manhood

From the New York Sun. THE Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, is known to everybody as a man full of zip.

Mr. Roosevelt has been most efficient in his present post, one of great responsibility and activity, the responsibility and activity of which must increase as the war goes on.

Whether he can be persuaded by such considerations or not, and whether he is inclined or not to listen to argument as to what he now regards as his clearest call to duty, the example of his courage and patriotism is inspiring.

A MEXICAN VIEW. From the Pittsburg Dispatch. An interesting but rather novel view of the situation as bearing on international politics is presented by a recent article in the Mexican Republic.

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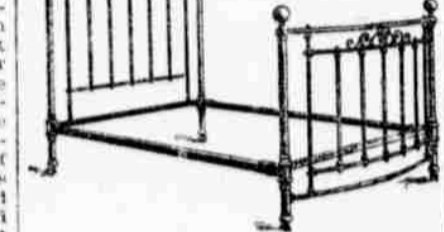


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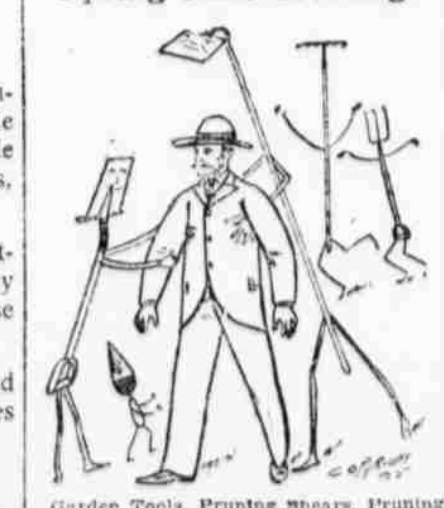
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