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The blue clad heats are so the move. Our country's brave defenders. And ofer their heads in triutant flours. The flat that ac or surrenders. They come equipped for duty s call. They, we mulsis of pressnution. And in the face of every man There's grint decembration.

They've methering from the Western phone. From Northern hitle and valleys, From Northern fills and valleys. From busy East and simily South, And not a solder dalles. Inspired by pariotic seel. Their hearts and bands are steady. And when the time for battle comes. The cell will find them ready.

The gullant turs who must the true he waves and storms defaing. Who reversion the sharry flag. That o'er their heads is flying. They, too, have gathered in their might, From distant econ borders; they, too, are standing by their guas, and there they wait for orders.

They'll ne'er forget the good ship Maine Now 'neath the waters bring: They'll ne er forget the cries that came From comrades maimed and dying. The battle signal they will greet With caper satisfaction: Their hearts are firm, their arms are

Their decks are cleared for action.

The nests of fighters on the land, The fighters on the ocean. But walt the signal to begin The battle's wild commotion Above them fouts the starry har. The flag that re'er surrenders: Behind them stands a pation strong, With millions of defenders, --Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph,

The Sun is right. We are all jingoes

Length of the Ultimatum

The disposition to criticise the presient because he gave Spain until Sat

from a paper contributed by ex-Secretary Richard Olney to the Atlantic Monthly, Mr. Olney, the pugnacious, says: "Family quarrels have been heretofore and doubtless will be again. and the two peoples, at the safe distance which the broad Atlantic inter-

poses, take with each other libertics of speech which only the fondest and dearest relatives can indulge in, Nevertheless, that they would be found standing together against any allen for by whom either was menaced with denot permissible to doubt. Nothing less could be expected of the close community between them in origin, speech

thought, literature, institutions, ideals -in the kind and degree of the civilization enjoyed by both. In that same community, and in that co-operation in good works which should result from It, it is not too much to say, lies the best hope for the future not only of the two kindred peoples, but of the human race itself."

We believe that the American people, whatever their former prejudices may have been, are prepared to recognize the obligation under which England and English kinsmen are now placing them as an international debt of honor--a debt to be repaid with interest, in kind. It should mark the beginning of a new era in civilization.

It would not take a foreign war to elect William Connell governor of Pennsylvania.

The Franklin of Cuba.

An effective answer to the slanders put in circulation against him by the peace at-any-price crowd during their recent, fight against Cuban independence has been made by the Cuban delegate, Tomas Estrada Palma. After publicly returning thanks to the American people and press for their invaluable co-operation in Cuba's behalf during the hours of her crisis at Washington, he says that just as soon as the new government in Cuba shall become firmly established he intends to retire from the field of active politics in Cuban matters and resume his residence in Central Valley, N. Y., there to pass the remainder of his days in peace and quiet with his family General Palma has shown by his conduct during the past three years that he is a statesman and diplomatist of the first rank. Called to the diplomatic endership of the Cuban cause by the death of Marti, after having fought for that cause during the Tcn Years' war and sacrificed to it his mother, his princely estates and seven years in a Spanish prison, he took hold of the work with the skill of a Franklin, the sagacity of an Adams and the indom-Itable will of a Washington. During

the few years prior he was only a quiet school teacher at Central Valley, known to few outside the circle of his fellowcountrymen. From that peaceful vocation he went to New York, organized the junta, perfected the vast systen; of revenue collection among the Cuban exiles in this country, France and Italy which has supplied most of the financial support of the insurrection, superintended the complicated net-

work of filibustering activities and, without recognition by any government on earth and in the face of a

projudice sedulously fostered by the Spanish agents in this country, set out polished diplomats o leked out months ago. Madrid in their campaign of deception It is possible that France will live and intricue at Washington.

kinship could be made than to quote gency which necessitated it had sub- tion to intervene in the affairs of Cuba, sided. An income tax is vicious in prinbut not recognizing the Cuban republic. ciple because it is essentially a class It is thirty-three years since three

tax. But even an income tax will be months in American history have con-tained so many stirring events. To equal horne in patience if necessary. The tained so many surring events. To equal them it is thereessary: to go back to the spring of 1865 when General Sherman having marched through Georgin was ad-vancing through the Atlantic Coast states gaining victory after victory, and Generals Grant and Sheridan were ham-mering at the sates of Biofmond Populistic demagogues who clamor for it will not be permitted to claim a monopoly of the patriotism of the country.

The main point to be considered is mering at the gates of Richmond. A generation has passed away since that day and a new generation has come on to raise sufficient revenue at the very eginning of the hostilities to equip and the stage. Youths who recollect the war for the Union only as a distant echo they could searcely define are now apoperate an army capable of crushing the enemy in short order. With Spain struction or irreparable calamity it is bankrupt and at the end of her rope this ought not to be as difficult as it Sectors.

> It is very unsafe to take without disount the estimates of a prominent man's character supplied by that man's

political opponents. Perhaps no man in gress and acquainting Spain with their character and contents. Decently and in Pennsylvania has been more flagrantly abused and slandered than Senator C. L. Magee; yet on the occasion of his

order, without haste and without delay, the president will take the next step in the great drama which closes in blood-shed and war four centuries of Spanish rule in the New World. Rocking with the tiftieth birthday a few days ago the best citizens of Pittsburg turned out to do him honor and spoke so well of him rule in the New World. Rocking with the excitement of opening war, the country may well remember and regard the mo-mentous and difficult task before the president in executing the will of con-gress and the country. The Spanish army has to be expelled from an Island which needs a large land force to hold and to occupy. Our good name must not be dis-graced by massacre during a military inthat political slander must hereafter fall harmless. In fact it is almost safe to honor a public man in exact proportion as he is assailed, on the principle that the more virulent the detraction the loftler the target. graced by massacre during a military in-ter-regnum. The starving must be re-lieved and fed. Order must be restored

The war department displays good judgment in deciding to offer every possible facility to war correspondents. The vocation of the war correspondent is as legitimate and useful as is that of the soldler, and in a popular gov-

ernment it is due from rulers to people that the people should not be handicapped in their quest of information.

Munitions and supplies for Gomes should be the first step. One experienced and acclimated Cuban properly armed would be worth for immediate results half a dozen tender American volunteers.

Inviting a licking from Uncle Sam in preference to taking one from the Carlist hotheads at home may prove to the Spanish government to be a case of jumping from the frying pan into the open fire.

depend largely upon the skill with which Spain can evade Uncle Sam's clutches. It is hard to whip an enemy you cannot get hold of.

Senor Polo took hold too late. Perhaps if Spain had had a gentleman as her minister at Washington earlier in have been averted.

> Perhaps Mr. Wanamaker shouldn't say much about a muzzled press, considering his own control over the Philadelphia dailles that carry his advertisements.

Five thousand American Cubans have already proffered their services to the government. They evidently have no desire to be deadhead patriots.

The queen regent is correct in calling Spain's future "dark and gloomy." But it is a future strictly in line with Spain's past. It is self-made.

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The London press seems to dislike our blunt ways, but had the action been England's, Spain would have been GOLDSMITH'S BAZAAR. C. 8.>

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Strange, Nevertheless True.

island which for generations has known only Spanish cruelty and corruption. President McKinley enters on this task enjoying the confidence of the entire country, and all its conservative forces, independent of party, will rally to his aid and support. Nor is there, we believe, anywhere any soler and rational Amer-ican who is not compliant this track Black, Brocaded Silk Skirts, tailor.made, perfect hanging, ican who is not convinced that this task is a duty the United States was bound to discharge, though was lay in the way and which it could not either in honor or in humanity avoid and which it assumed only when delay became disregard of the percaline lined, velveteen bound. The silk alone could not be obtained for the money. They will go on Friday only at claims of mercy and civilization. War b \$3.98. But one skirt to a customer.





urday noon to make reply is petulant and unworthy. The president, not the mob, is now responsible for the handling of this nutter and he is entitled to have his way. The citizer who snaps at chances to cavil at him is lacking in that sense of discipline which is essontial in time of war and is moreover deficient in common sense. The president knows the status of all the factors in the problem, and his curbstone assallant doesn't for certain know a thing about one of them.

As a matter of fact the president wanted to give Spain only 48 hours in which to make reply, but he was pursuaded to extend the time by the representations of Secretary Alger, the mosaggressive member of the cabines, that not before Saturday noon would the army be in condition to make that ef fective movement upon the enemy? works which must follow immediately the receipt of Spain's expected refusal to evacuate Cuba. To assemble the regular army from all parts of the United States at points within short salt of Havana, and to arrange innumerable details preparatory to an embarkation of troops for a campaign of invasion upon a foreign soil is much and history will yet throw the libel more easily and quickly imagined than back with shame upon its disseminataccomplished. If delay is necessary at ors. all, it mucht better be before the lives of our soldiers are exposed to an enemy's fire or to the risks of a dangerous climate than after they have been put at the mercy of mischanes abroad. Preparedness is ninety per

cent. of military success. This is a good time to abandon the

censorious attitude and rally patriotically to the support of the constituted the Cuban resolution. Their pairiotauthorities of the land. Vapld street corner criticism will not accomplish well as into their lungs. The man who anything, anyhow, save perhaps to grumbles at the prospect of war taxes disgust the judicious. As commander- is as much the enemy of civilization as in-chief of the army and mavy of the is the uniformed representative of ty-United States and chief magistrate of rannical and perfidious Spain. War taxits people with three years more to ation, moreover, should be sufficient to serve William McKipley is in a position make possible the prosecution of a to do as he choses whether Tom. Dick or Harry on the sidewalk likes The harder the initial blow, the greater it or not. But as a high-minded and the economy and the more probable an patriotic official striving with all his early peace. might to do the best he can the president deserves the fullest support of the people and will succeed or fail accordingly as it is given or withheld.

Senator Elkins saw the president sign the ultimatum. Let us hope the spectacle invigorated his Americanism.

Our Debt of Honor.

That certainly was a neat feat of the London Mail in collecting opinions from the retail cost of the refined oil. This nearly every part of the British Empire on the attitude of the United emergency taxation, as would a tax on States toward Spain and Cubs. From Canada, British China, India. Austra- be preferred to a tax on tea and coffee, lasia; Jamaica and Malta expressions | and a tax on beer to either. But a tax come unanimous in their approval of on ten would probably prove beneficial our government's course many of them | in the long run, inasmuch as it would including such passages as this from stop the importation of the cheaper Sydney, N. S. W.: "One hundred New grades, which are largely adulterated South Wales men have visited the and unfit for consumption at any price. American cousul and offered to enlist A tax on telegrams and commercial in the service of the United States." paper would be preferable to an in-

Perhaps no more significant answer | come tax, inasmuch as it would be to this warm heart beat of Anglo-Saxon more likely to disappear after the emer-

This little old man, and we use the o regret her present partisanship for phrase with the utmost respect, had Spain. obstacles in front of him compared with Next week's news ought to be interwhich the task of Franklin in France was easy, but he quietly worked on. sting. His record in the last three years will TOLD BY THE STARS. be scanned in vain for evidence of a

ingle error. Only once did he formally address the American people, and then his solomn, almost pathetic words pledging resistance to Spain to the last

man and the last dollar commanded the 004 public's unreserved sympathy. And now, with victory almost won, his thought is not of glory or of gain. but of that level family in the little York state village which has sustained him through all these trials, though arrangue. often lacking the necessaries of life while he served the cause of his native quadron unfild its wings land without pay and turned every

pointy of his personal income into the heridan monument fund? treasury of the revolution. The henchmen of Mark Hanna and his ilk may slander this noble old patriot by calling him a bond speculator,

Three Months of but those who know him know better

From the Philadelphia Press. When the queen spoke of the "honor" of Spain she should have submitted a diagram.

War Taxes.

The people are ready to essume whatever financial burdens may be necessary to carry forward the purpose of night: ism reaches into their pocketbooks as short, sharp and decisive campaign. tigation at Havano.

The Ways and Means committee of congress, with which revenue legislation must originate, is proceeding discreetly in considering as subjects for ncreased taxation those articles which can bear it with least injury to general business and with the most equitable diffusion of the burden. A tax of 25 cents a barrel on crude petroleum

shes its work. March 28-The president sent the report would yield \$15,000,000 a year and add anten Maine court of inquiry to con-cress with a message. March 23-Resolutions declaring war on not more than half a cent a gallon to would seem to be a judicious form of

Spain and recognizing the independence of Cuba introduced into both houses of chewing guin. A tax on tobacco should congress. April 7-Representatives of the Euro-

pean powers wait on the president in the Interest of peace. April 9-Consul General Lee leaves Havana accompanied by many Americans. April 11-President's message with Cu-

an consuls' reports sent to congress April 10-House of representatives passes uban intervention resolution. April 14-Spanish cortes called to meet

April 20 April 16-Senate passes Cuban recogni-April 18-Congress agrees on a resolu-