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The Sun is right. We are all fingers now.

Length of the Ultimatum

The disposition to criticize the president because he gave Spain until Saturday noon to make reply is unfeeling and unworthy.

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War Taxes.

The people are ready to assume whatever financial burdens may be necessary to carry forward the purpose of the Cuban resolution.

Our Debt of Honor.

That certainly was a neat feat of the London Mail in collecting opinions from nearly every part of the British Empire on the attitude of the United States toward Spain and Cuba.

kinship could be made than to quote from a paper contributed by ex-Secretary Richard Olney to the Atlantic Monthly.

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 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 flight against Cuban independence has been made by the Cuban delegate, Tomas Estrada Palma.

General Palma has shown by his conduct during the past three years that he is a statesman and diplomat of the first rank.

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agency which necessitated it had subsided. An income tax is vicious in principle because it is essentially a class tax.

The main point to be considered is to raise sufficient revenue at the very beginning of the hostilities to equip and operate an army capable of crushing the enemy in short order.

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Munitions and supplies for Gomez 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 kicking from Uncle Sam in preference to taking one from the Carlisle hotbeds at home may prove to the Spanish government to be a case of jumping from the frying pan into the open fire.

The duration of the war will probably depend largely upon the skill with which Spain can evade Uncle Sam's clutches.

Senator Polo took hold too late. Perhaps if Spain had had a gentleman as her minister at Washington earlier in the game the ultimatum stage would have been averted.

Perhaps Mr. Wanamaker shouldn't say much about a muzzled press, considering his own control over the Philadelphia dailies 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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ENGLAND'S JUST CLAIM.

From the Philadelphia Press. The introduction of a bill by senator Lodge appropriating \$75,000 to pay the Bering sea claim Great Britain has against this country should receive favorable attention at the earliest moment that congressional forms of procedure will permit.

The claim is a just one. It was awarded by the international commission whose decision the United States ought in honor to accept.

BLOOD SPEAKS TO BLOOD.

From the Philadelphia Press. Perhaps the most remarkable development growing out of the culmination of the trouble between the United States and Spain has been the friendship of the people of Great Britain.

TRUE AMERICAN SPIRIT.

From the Illustrated American. Never in the history of this country has the true American spirit shown so prominently as during the irritating period that has brought us to the point of rupture with Spain.

NAVAL PROGRESS.

The new "protected cruiser" cruised upon the ocean wide.

And the man-of-war continued for a little while to float.

Then while the foe triumphant rubbed his hands he softly landed.

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Which brings the matter down to date, where it will rest no doubt.

Unidentified.



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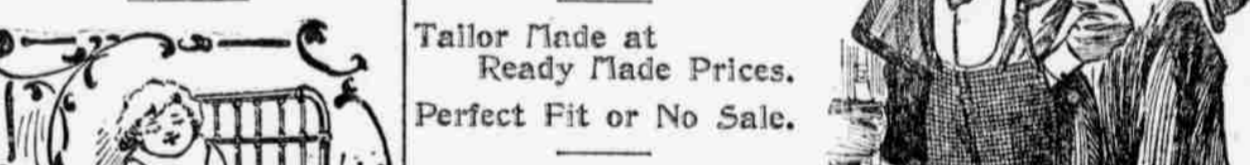
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