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While some of the dyspeptic member of the faculty of Harvard are taking treason it is encouraging to note that the trustees of Princeton have just granted leaves of absence with full pay to members of the Princeton faculty

#### Organize the Soldiers' Relief Work.

who desire to enlist

We take pleasure in presenting to our readers a practical and patriotic plan for completely systematizing the millitary relief work of this city. Some such organization is wanted. People are pooling for the hest system, one that can be applied to and made universal over the entire country, and we believe that the plan described elsewhere completely meens the needs of the times. Patriotic men and women are called for, to give their best offoring of personal work in pushing home relief operations. It is neither right nor fair that we at home, who cannot go to the fcont, should selfishly parmit the entire humlen of active war te he have by our self-snerificing soldiers and their families. Many of the latter will suffer real destitution unless prompt means are taken to give them the systematic help which it is our plain duty to render. We ask our readers to give this matter actions attention and we call new for volunteers. WHO WILL UNDERTAKE TO OB-GANIZE THE RELILF WORK OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY?

Don Carlos sceme to be unable to secure other than barn-storming engaments.

#### Probable Duration of the War.

The Spanish cabinet held a meeting on Monday evening and discussed the Manila disaster. It is said the uilnistey has determined to exhaust the national resources in defense of the

pay us for our sacrifice in blood and none. We know how to be generous as well as magnaminous to a conquered enemy, though that enemy has been the baneful, pestiferous and evil destiny of this continent since the day of intermediaries. Austrian, German, Russian or British. We have no desire to court the ill-will of Europe. On the contrary our policy should be to cultivate it in a spirit of amity, of international comity. This we will do on terms of equality.

The unexpected may arise to confound us; but we do not see, humanly speaking, how active hostilities can be maintained beyond the unset limits of a month or six weeks. War is a terrible affliction from whatever point of view we observe it. Two great wars in less than half of the years of the nineteenth century history will place. to our credit. There they will receive their indelible imprimatur as being the most unselfish and altruistic, humane and human'sing, that ever have been waged on behalf of national integration and humanity, unalloyed by a sentiment of selfishness, if indeed they have not been the only ones confirmed by these characteristics discoverable in the pantheon of history. With us patriotism has never been a synonyme for national selfishness and universal injustice, and never will be.

Inquisitiveness on the part of members of the British parliment indicates that it may be necessary to put a trocha around Senor Polo Dernabe's bureau of aformation at Toronto.

#### A Final Stand,

The execution by Spain of its govroment's threat to make one last stand with its entire available fleet is a probable development of the Castilian character. Be their sins what they may the Spanish people possess the one merit of great personal bravery. It is a kind of bravery closely

akin to folly because very largely disconnected from discretion, yet, in a way, it is sublime. Its existence saves the race from utter detestation.

A last stand by Spain on the sea could be merciful in its consequences if not in its intentions. It would enthe us within a few hours to end a ontest which might otherwise be prolonged for many days, with uncertainty in business, the international nervousness inseparable from war, large expense in the maintenance of inactive forces, loss of life among the starving reconcentrados and a continual and cumulative chaos in Cuba. It would be merciful because while it would sweep the final vestige of Spain's power from the sea it would at the une moment effect the liberation of all those who have been held by that power in medineval bondage under a perversion of government which has blotted our modern civilization; and thus free Spain itself of the dead weight which has kept her in dry rot, three hundred years behind the times. Another sea battle with Spain, ending as it must and will, in the elimination of the Spanish navy, would be merciful even to the American sailors who should meet in it a sailor's fate, for it would establish so clearly before all the nations the valor and the effectiveness of the Yankee tar that Maines would not in future be tampered with nor the hand of any for-

PRIZE VESSELS Spanish Seamen on the Captured Ships Live Like Princes.

PRISONERS ON

THEY GIVE COURSE DINNERS AND USE THE FINEST WINES AND CIGARS AND TREAT UNITED STATES OFFICIALS LIKE PETTED FRIENDS INSTEAD OF DREADED CAPTORS-CAPTAIN BIL'S PIRAT. ICAL CREW.

prespondence of the Associated Press. Key West, April 29 .- Some of the Spanish seamen detained here on the captured vessels live like princes of large inheritance, and entertain their guests with all the elaborate politeness and generous hospitality of their race. They give course dinners, have the choicest of Spanish wines and cigars and treat the United States officials who visit them as if they were petted friends instend of dreaded captors. Through the courtesy of the United States district attorney, J. M. Strip-ling, the Associated Press correspondent was permitted to visit all the Spanish prize ships and dined with the captain and officers of the elegant merchant steamer, Miguel Jover. This

vessel has a cargo of rice and other food supplies from the tropics and i owned in Barcelona, Spain. She halled from New Orleans on the 21st inst., her crew being ignorant of the fact that Rear Admiral Sampson's fleet was patrolling the gulf.

A FLOATING PALACE.

Next to the Panama she is the most valuable prize and is estimated to be worth \$500,000. By far, she is the best equipped vessel in the captive fleet, and the elegance and richness of her cabin and officers quarters can scarcely be excelled by any merchant ship afloat. Her cabin is finished in Italian mar

ble, with the finest of mahogany furniture, beautiful and expensive carpets and draperies, elaborate electric light fixtures, a piano, and, in brief, the best of everything.

THE JOVER'S CAPTAIN.

The representative of the Associated his officers with great courtesy and polite welcome. The crew numbers fifty-eight men, and all of the officers of higher rank are men of education and refinement. Captain Juan Bil is apparently about 65 years of age, tall. dignified, and with an exceptionally strong, determined face. The first offiser. Vincente Terol, is a bright, geni-al little Spaniard, bubbling over with good nature and politeness and talking incessantly, with gestures and broken English, of the beauties of old Spain. Joseph Lavares, the chief engineer, is a shrewd, diplomatic man of about 35, dark, handsome, and speaks English perfectly. Jose Gomenz, the ship's surgeon, from his general makeup, might be taken for an artist or a writer of aesthetic poetry. He is gentle and diffident, and an accomplished planist.

AFRAID OF HIS MEN.

The old captain had very little to say, except in way of protesting most vigorously against being sent ashore, "Leave us here," he said to District Attorney Stripling through the chief ongineer as interpreter, "for if we go ashore nobody knows what may happen. Spanlards and Cubans might not be friends over there," and he moved his hand toward the barracks on the island.

"No one would injure you." said District Attorney Stripling. "I do not fear that so much," said

ressels are to be held as prizes. Neary all of them are penniless and declare that they are, and they seem to fear that they cannot get money from Spain or England to pay their passage across the Atlantic. Since their capture they have been kept on their ships under

guard of deputy United States marshats. Attorney General Griggs has issued

an order from Washington to have them properly cared for but inasmuch as they are not prisoners of war the rovernment will not fikely provide for their sustenance for any great length of time

There has been some talk of remov ing them to the island, Key West, but this is regarded by the authorities as a dangerous thing to do. Key West can provide no possible employment for them, and besides the town being filled as it is with Cubans, there would no doubt he serious trouble before the Spaniards had been on shore twentyfour hours,

CUBANS BELLIGERENT. That the Cubans would almost certainly make violent trouble for the Spaniards is proved by one condition which has existed here for several days. Since the Spanish vessels were captured and brought here the water front has been nightly fringed with Cubans cursing and muttering all kinds of vengeance upon the imprisoned seamen out on the ships. Were the Spaniards actually on shore it may casily be imagined what would happen to them.

GAMBLERS VISIT CAMP.

#### Officers Will Not Allow Soldiers to He Fleeced.

Tacoma, Wash., May 3 .- The gamblers from Seattle came over to the camp grounds of the First regiment of Washington troops Sunday and attempted to open up a nut shell and other fim flam games. The commanding officer was advised of their presence and at once sent a detail to drive them off the prem-

Two of the gamblers drew revolvers aut they were overpowered before they had time to use them, and placed in the guardhouse by the soldiers until civil fficers could be summoned. The prisoners were taken to the county jall where four of them gave ball in the sum of \$500, Four others are still in

Press was received by the captain and WHERE THE NATION IS STRONG

Jail.

From the Washington Post. The United States goes to war under many favoring auspices. It has practical-ly illimitable resources of men, means, and material, and it is backed by popular enthusiasm of almost unprecedented depth and fervor. There is another re-spect, too, wherein the administration is most forturate, and that is the cheerf il zeal with which the newspapers of a certain class will now proceed to bestow upon it the year ablest military advice oon it the very ablest military advice be had at \$15 a week and upward.

It is true that Lieutenant General Scho field has been called in as a consulting au-thority by the war department, and that Secretary Long has for his councillor Rear Admiral Walker, of distinguished record and long experience and service. One might even say-if he were rash and hasty, at least-that with such highly qualified advisers the government should

be able to proceed under reasonably fa-vorable circumstances. But the proper and successful conduct of the war is not to be left to accident, however improba-ble and remote. Truly modern journal-ism has enlarged its functions so as to neluda turisprudence, international las European politics, the detection of crimi-nals, medicine, religion, moral philosophy, governmental reform, the purification of governmental reform, the purification of legislatures, and a hundred other objects of human activity and effort. It dictates the policies of empires, it handles the guilty secrets of courts and cabinets, it props up tottering dynastics, and it abus-es dishonored crowns. Queen Victoria cannot est her brenkfast comfortably without having first consulted the Daily New York Whangdoedle. Francis Joseph, William, Humbert, Faore, even little Al-William, Humbert, Faure, even little Althe old captain, "but nobody knows

loudly for the New York Popinja;





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national honor. If the national t sources were not already exhausted and the honor tarnished there might to some justification for this bellicos biuster. Intimidation of this pretentous character coming from a country which has just been heaten to ber kness in the only engagement with war ships in which she has had the courage, the temerity, or the confidence to face us is not only preposterous, but deprives her of the sympathy which a generous foe was ready to concede to her in her deep and abject humilintion. If Spain intends to pursue this war to the bitter end, we are not alone prepared but anxious to meet her or whatever terms she imagines herself. competent to do battle. She met us at Manila, where a portion of her national resources might be supposed to be ready in such a desperate emergeavy as she must have foreseen for months was impending; but when the hour came to test these resources they were found to be as phantasmal as her phyrric victories in Cuba have been demonstrated to be.

Spain has no resources. Her treasucy is bankmipt; the Bank of Spain, which is a financial annex of the treasury, is within measurable distance of it. Her Pacific fleet has been vanguished as irretrievably as the Spanish Armado; her Atlantic squadron dare not venture to meet us though the Spanish ministry, if not the Spanish people, must have known that the only hope of sustaining her troops or maintaining her position in Cuba was a duick and decisive descent on our blocksding squadron. We cannot determine what this pronounciamento of the Sagasta ministry really means. It

cannot be that which it says. The ministry knows, of course, that cuba is lost to her forever. Spain, it seems to us, has not yet given up all hope of European intervention. She believes that the Powers will, in some mysterfous way, come to the reacue. She cannot believe that her invocations, her appeals, her diplomatic intrigue will be absolutely futile. Like Mr. Micawher, she is helplessly "waiting for something to turn up."

At all events our duty and our national policy are unequivocal. We entered this war with reluctance. The country is anxious for its immediate termination, or as soon as practicable. European cabinets are perfectly clear on this point, however French or German newspapers may affect to ignore

it. They have their own axes to grind and they are willing to see Spain expire by the crank. We have undertaken to establish the independence of Cuba and that object we shall accomplish unfalteringly and uncompromisingly. This policy consummated

board. we have no desire to trample the glimmer of national life that sustains Spain in her debilitated and annemic existence as a European Power. No indemnity from Spain or Cuba can re- I Te Doums in advance.

Lateration Provident

umanity therefore lends emphasis to what some of the Spanish sailors might the hope that this promised meeting may not be long delayed.

eigner in any port be hereafter lifted

at sight of the American uniform, save

in salutation of respect. The object is

worth the cost; and the welfare of

Notice of the good work done by the Newark society for the prevention of rueity to animals prompts a feeling of regret that the interests of the Scranon society have declined since the death of Dr. Throop and other enthusiastic advocates of humanity in the treatment of dumb brutes. There is probably no place on the face of the civilized portion of the globe that is in greater need of an active society for the prevention of cruelty to animals cat-like fierceness. Haif clad, sallow than is Scranton. And if work enough cannot be found within the city limits a field can no doubt be discovered in the suburbs, where the highly scientific farmer attempts to improve upon nature in the mutilation of cattle by sawing off their horns.

In another column today "Ophlucus," the Dunmore astrologer, takes issue with Frof. Coles of Storms and Signs. and intimates that the predictions of the Kingston prophet, in which so many persons have absolute faith, may he designated as "superstitious nonsense" When astrologers disagree M is rather difficult for the public to steer clear of the evils that may be averted. by looking out for dire planetary influences. The statements of "Ophiucus," therefore, may serve to mystify the be lievers about us. It will now be in order for the editor of Storms and Signs to quote authorities to sustain his position and vindicate his prognostications, In the meantime the public is advised to watch and whit.

It looks as if within the next fortnight Spain would have to fish or cut bait.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

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day, May 4, 1898. D Sint

A child born on this day will be a triffe ate for the fun at Manila, but he can read all about it in the files of The Tril The army of men who can tell the nov enment just how to finish the business

with a single stroke at Spain is con-stantly gaining recruits. An old Spanish Don made his brag That he'd sink Yankee ships, guns and

flag. But on the deep sea He tackied Dew-ee-The way ought to continue at least long

tunity to enlist.

Ordinary type looks too small for us in reporting the events of the unpleas-antness over at Manila.

Spain ought to have caroled her victory

do, and then I should be held responsible for what happened. The Americans would hold the cuptain responsible for all the sailors. Educated Spaniards understand it all, but the Spaniard who is ignorant is-hard to control.

A PIRATICAL CREW. No doubt Captain Bil spoke with

much truth, for among the crews of each vessel there were faces dark and cruel. As the officers grouped about the Americans, discussing the release of the prisoners, the sailors stood apart and watched the strangers with or swarthy, with eyes dark, sunken, gleaming with hatred and cruelty, they were indeed unfriendly looking fellows.

At 6 o'clock the call for dinner was sounded, and the captain took his place at the head of the table. A better dinner would be difficult to obtain at any table on the American contin-ent. It consisted of seven courses,

with three kinds of wine, including the best champagae, the finest brand of cigars and Spanish cigarettes. Many of the dishes were Spanish and deliciously palatable.

A STRIKING PICTURE: After the dinner was finished Dr. Go-

menz went to the piano and played for half an hour. It was a striking pleture. Here sat these proud Spanish prisoners in their own floating palace. Their guests who sat with them were their captors and their enemies. With the soft light of the tropical sunset streaming in through the cabin windows they sang together the National airs of Spain, while a hundred yards away the black guns of a United States battleship frowned down upon them. Porhaps it was their last song, their last night in the ship which to many of them was home; they did not know. The song ceased and the American visitors arose in silence to go. As they left the cabin, the venerable commandor of the ship gave each a hearty grasp of the hand. As the little party were about to leave the dock the old captain turned to his interpreter and said:

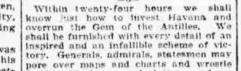
THE CAPTAIN'S FAREWELL.

"Tell them I thank them for the kindness they have shown us. We are their prisoners but they have treated us as gentlemen, and a Spaniard knows how to appreciate such consideration. Say to them that the Spaniard in Spain is one man and the Spaniard in Cuba quite another man. We are sorry for this war. We are not to blame for it, nor are these American gentlemen we have met. It is the fault of our unwise leaders in Cuba and we deplore it. If we lose our ship we will give it up like men. Ask the men of the press to send a message to Barcelona telling enough to give Billy Bryan an oppor- our families that we are all right and in the hands of Christian gentlemen. Those who do not rally around the flag With moist eyes and trembling lips can at least rally around the bulletin the old captain bowed to als guests and disappeared within the cabin.

A PERPLEXING QUESTION It is a very perplexing question with the United States authorities what to do with the Spanish sailors in case the

at the very crack of dawn in order to b sure that the equilibrium of Europe has another duy of life. The movements of armies and of fleets are directed from the sanctum. Editors point the way to discovering new constellations and order the adjustment of the universe. Is it to be imagined for one moment that the admin istration will be left to group its way through this bewildering emorgency without the guiding hand, the uplifting airength, the superhuman prescleties which fairly slop the sides of modern journalism?, Are Lieutenant General Schofield and Rear Admiral Walker to be abandoned in the hour of their bitter need? No, no. Forbid the implous thought.

call



feebly with figures, calculations, and ex-pedients. Modern journalism will airily uplift its heaven-born pen and within five minutes steep us in priceless information. Yea, verily, the government is more blest

than it imagines.

### OVER MORRO CASTLE.

There's a flag today. Over Morro castle That hasn't long to stay Over Morro castle! Reep a lookout for the flash. There is going to be a smash. Something hot's about to crash Into Morro castle.

There are remnants of the Maine Down near Morro castle: We will pick a bone with Spain

Down by Morro castle! When we've ended this affair, When the smoke clears from the air, You may see Old Glory there, Over Morro castle!

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