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Speculation as to what the emperor of Germany or some other emperor or king will do the United States do is becoming tiresome.

Strength of the Cuban Insurgents.

The assertion is made in a number of newspapers that the war department feels that it has been shamefully deceived by the representatives in this country of the Cuban insurgents.

We fall to see, however, wherein there has been deception. This state of affairs has been known to intelligent readers of newspapers for months.

It involves no reflection upon the insurgent cause but is instead a natural result of Cuban conditions. Cuba, it must be remembered, is an island as large in area as Pennsylvania and twice as long.

It may or may not be true that Gomez is averse to an American invasion of Cuba. Gomez is probably human enough to be jealous of a chance to clean Spain out of single-handed.

The fate of the men aboard the Winslow was the natural result of overconfidence. Prudence is fully as admirable as blind daring.

That Proposed New Railroad.

The Wilkes-Barre Times does not believe that the construction of a new coal-carrying railroad from the anthracite region to tidewater would prove a profitable investment and address many reasons for this belief.

Herein lies the remedy: Let the coal-carrying roads diminish the toll on anthracite so that it can in some degree compete with bituminous.

Our contemporary forgets that this matter has been "agitated" for years with all the agitating strength that the individual operators, singly and collec-

tively, could summon, and without results. The late Eckley B. Coxe agitated in the courts, appealing among other things to the Inter-state Commerce law.

We have not been admitted into the confidence of the active factors in the proposed new railway project and know nothing of their plans and aims further than we have seen in print.

No doubt the anthracite coal trade has room for improvement, but there is no occasion for the premature conclusion that it has drawn its last breath.

Great Britain's Food Supply.

Since the passage of the Corn Laws nearly forty years ago the population of Great Britain and Ireland has practically doubled for its breadstuffs from the importation of corn from the United States supplemented by small quantities exported from Russia, Egypt and India.

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The government was not in search of colonies when this war began, but the powers of Europe might as well understand that Uncle Sam is not developing real estate for their benefit.

General Lee, it seems, has written a book on Cuba. Now watch Weyler wreak riotous revenge.

Secretary Alger is clearly the man for his place and he should stick till the clouds roll by.

Humanity no less than self-respect calls for a speedy closing up of this one-sided war.

An Earlier Yankee Victory at Manila

From the New York Sun. TWO YEARS ago, just before the outbreak of the last insurrection against Spanish rule in the Philippines, the American consul at Manila, Isaac M. Elliott, of New York, was recalled by the Cleveland administration, and a few months later he was made consul at La Guayra, the port of Caracas, Venezuela.

Two months after Consul Elliott set sail from the Philippines the colonial officials had driven from the islands the last of the American commercial houses. This was the house of Warner, Blodgett & Co., of New York.

typified the ultimate hope of most Cuban patriots. As a struggling republic they felt and probably feel now, the more far-sighted, at least, that Cuba would have no special pre-eminence, but as a state and a part of a great and powerful nation the sentiment has appealed strongly to the best element in the unfortunate island.

The independent republic idea will be given a fair trial, but it need surprise nobody if Cuba, like Hawaii, should finally knock at Uncle Sam's door.

There are taxpayers in Scranton who complain that they are being taxed to death, but their taxes are as nothing in comparison with those imposed on citizens in Italy. In that country an income tax of 13 1/2 per cent. is imposed on all incomes above \$120 a year.

Governor Black has refused to rescind his order disbarring the disobedient Thirteenth regiment of Brooklyn, and he is right. The soldier who defiantly disobeys orders does not deserve to remain a soldier.

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AND THEN THEY BREAKFASTED From the Philadelphia Press. For a telling light on the American character none of the many glorious and dramatic incidents of the war in Manila Bay equal the knocking to breakfast.

Why not coffee and rolls and a chop? Orders had been carried out; duty had been done, the situation was in our control, the end was in sight, and all this empty stomachs. To a comradely comrade, careful of his men, appreciating at the full effect of such an order on the esprit du corps, such a simple act came doubtless as a matter of course.

From an interview with Captain John W. Merritt, of the United States Navy, who has been in the Philippines for more than forty years. If the United States will hold on to Manila or take possession of the entire Philippine archipelago, it will confer an incalculable benefit upon the American merchants engaged in the Pacific trade.

MAKING A RECORD. From the Carbonate Leader. A gentleman who recently visited Washington remarked in our hearing a few days ago that Hon. William Connell is one of the most active men in congress—not in speech-making and public display, but in the discharge of the duties of his office.

The most high-handed attempt at robbery was made by the Spanish officials at Manila before Consul Elliott left the Philippines. One Saturday afternoon in June a customs official called at the company's office and handed a bill for \$25,000 to the company, saying that it must be paid at once.

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Then I shall take the first steamer for Hong Kong, and return with the American squadron to protect American interests."

That evening Blanco sent again for the consul to tell him that the law had been looked up, and it had been found that the embargo could be raised.

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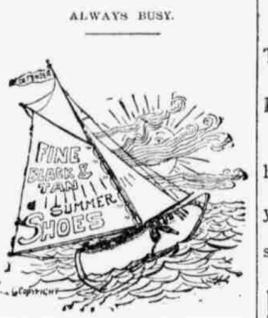
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