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Speculation as to what the emperor of Germany or some other emperor of king will let 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 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 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 add 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. Coke 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 depended for its breadstuffs on the importation of corn from the United States.

A reversion to protection in any shape or form is impossible, and would be impracticable if it were desirable in Great Britain. The wheat bearing lands in that country have been exhausted of their fertility through centuries of highly artificial husbandry.

These are supreme difficulties which statesmen and economists will have to solve. A demand for double the quantity of wheat in the year in which the granaries are to be stored will naturally create famine prices for that to be consumed.

Devey has been made admiral and several base ball clubs and streets already bear his name. There really seems nothing left for the gallant officer but to get cured by some well-known patent medicine.

Significance of the Cuban Flag.

Cuba's single starred flag means something and although the idea was suggested by the brain of the peerless adventurer Lopez more than fifty years ago, it means something besides an idea today.

At the beginning of the Ten Years' war serious discussion took place regarding Cuba's standard. After much deliberation the star of Cuba, as a symbol of annexation to this country, was adopted and in this decision was

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 disbanding the disobedient Thirteenth regiment of Brooklyn, and he is right. The soldier who defiantly disobeys orders does not deserve to remain a soldier.

The Spanish naval officers declare it is the lack of coal that makes them hesitate about venturing on this side of the water. Slangy people, however, are apt to attribute this reluctance to a lack of "sand."

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

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.

Heavy taxes had to be paid by the last American company into the overflowing private purses of the corrupt Spanish officials, and these taxes were levied as American sympathy with the Cuban insurgents increased Spanish hatred of Americans.

The most high-handed attempt at robbery was made by the Spanish officials at Manila when they seized the property of the American ship Esmeralda. Even had the money been disposed to pay this fine, the money could not have been had within twenty-four hours.

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"But no government has a right to hold back a consul's message, and if this message is not sent at once, I will report the fact to my government."

The consul then produced the bill presented to the American company by the customs official and asked by what right an officer of the government could trump up such a charge.

AND THEN THEY BREAKFASTED

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.

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THE PHILIPPINES.

From an interview with Captain John W. Merritt, of San Francisco, who has traded with the Philippines for more than forty years.

MAKING A RECORD.

From the Carbonate Record. 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.



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