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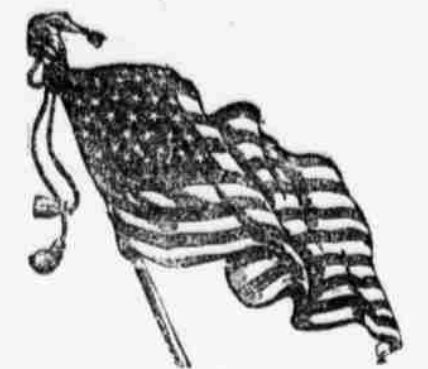
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The proposition to establish grammar schools in Great Britain as a precaution against starvation in the event of a hostile blockade is again receiving serious consideration across the water.

Where the Blame Belongs.

The successive delays in the projected campaign of Cuban invasion and rescue which have intervened since the declaration of war and which seem likely to postpone actual land fighting for weeks and possibly for months to come, have undoubtedly exasperated the American people, who feel wounded in their pride by this open demonstration before the sight of a curping world of their unpreparedness to effect their own will, and whose instincts of humanity are inexorably shocked at the thought of the wholesale mortality and suffering among the reconcentrados for which these delays are indirectly responsible.

On the whole the people show exemplary patience. But some of the attempts which are being made to place the blame for our powerful nation's immediate powerlessness are so unjust that it may be worth while to consider this phase of the subject with some care. Those who hold the president or the secretary of war responsible are unjust, because those officials simply execute the laws which congress passes and expend the money whose expenditure congress authorizes.

Words like these deserve the widest publicity.

Not Dewey's Fault.

Conventional critics have begun to find fault with Dewey's work at Manila. Some of them say it was foolishness in the American admiral to attack the Spanish Asiatic squadron until assured that ample reinforcements were at hand either to cover his retreat if unsuccessful or, in the event of victory, to make his campaign immediately effective on land.

Comments like these are to be expected. They follow every great achievement on sea or land. The facts are that Dewey did what he was ordered to do and did it so well that he will hereafter rank among the world's greatest naval commanders. It was not his place to provide reinforcements. He was told to capture or destroy the Spanish fleet and that he did before that fleet had an opportunity to get away from him.

machinery of self-protection to get so old and squeaky and rusty that now, in the midst of war, we cannot for the moment equal the rugged Cuban insurgents in getting at the half-starved troops of Spain.

Foraker and the Battle-Flags.

In the New York Sun of yesterday appeared a statement by Senator Foraker, of Ohio, of opinion concerning the proposition that the North should return to the South in token of restored amity and comradeship the Confederate flags captured in battle during the war of secession.

Mr. Gladstone made his own career and had no title, yet at his death every sovereign in Europe wired messages of condolence. The supremacy of quality over rank has seldom been so conspicuously illustrated.

New Dispensation of Imperialism

IMPERIALISM is a word now often heard in discussion of national policy. It has not hitherto had an overpleasant sound to American ears. It has been held synonymous with "Caesarism" and reminiscent of the usurpation and tawdry despotism of Louis Napoleon, and against anything resembling these latter no resistance could be too strenuous.

Encouraged times New York has been called an "imperial city." For a century this has been known as the "Empire State." In such sense, in its full and logical expansion, we may well have an imperial nation.

One class consists of such lands as lie so near these states as to belong naturally to our system and to involve in their administration and control an advantage to our country.

The real name of the little king of Spain is Alfonso Leo Ferdinand Maria James Isidoro Pascual Antonio, king of Spain, of Castile, of Leon, of Aragon, of the two Sicilies, of Jerusalem, of Navarre, of Granada, of Toledo, of Valencia, of Galicia, of Majorca, of Minorca, of Seville, of Cordova, of Carriaga, of Murcia, of Jaen, of Algeira, of Algiers, of Gibraltar, of the Canaries, of the East and West Indies, of the Indies, of the Oceanic continent, archduke of Austria, duke of Burgundy, of Brabant and of Milan, count of Burgundy, of Flanders, of Tyrol and of Burgundy, and lord of Biscay and Molina.

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Spanish war craft, leaving the American navy departments free to concentrate its ships and its energies upon the problem, thus far unsolved, of coping with Cervera's flying squadron in the North Atlantic.

Many persons are predicting that the war will shake up public sentiment that a lot of the hangers on now barnacled on American politics will be cut adrift and the general tone of politics made better.

Before deciding whether we are to keep the Philippines or not, it was obviously wise to make sure that we had got and could hold them. This administration is doing with admirable foresight and energy.

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AMERICA'S SUPREMACY.

According to "Holland" an English statesman of recent years said to a friend in America that the United States would not realize the enormity of its resources until they had been tested. He added: "You can feel with certainty that it is a weak nation into war with which we were hurled before we knew it. It is as likely to happen with a strong power, if it does not know that this war will have taught us the necessity of connecting our sea coasts."

GOOD TIRES A-COMIN'. Marsie Sampson churned de ocean blue A-lookin' to de demmo who; From Habana to Martirique; LeD, how he nake dem big guns speak!

OLD MANEU DEWEEY heat 'em all. He run 'em down and make 'em small, And in Manila now dey pray, 'Lo'ud, take Marsie Dewey clean away."

Wid watermillions cent apiece. De trade will run as slick as a grease; Den add de Gov'ment pensions, too; And we'll have no mo' futz to do.

A MUCH NAMED SOVEREIGN.

Washington Letter, Chicago Record. The real name of the little king of Spain is Alfonso Leo Ferdinand Maria James Isidoro Pascual Antonio, king of Spain, of Castile, of Leon, of Aragon, of the two Sicilies, of Jerusalem, of Navarre, of Granada, of Toledo, of Valencia, of Galicia, of Majorca, of Minorca, of Seville, of Cordova, of Carriaga, of Murcia, of Jaen, of Algeira, of Algiers, of Gibraltar, of the Canaries, of the East and West Indies, of the Indies, of the Oceanic continent, archduke of Austria, duke of Burgundy, of Brabant and of Milan, count of Burgundy, of Flanders, of Tyrol and of Burgundy, and lord of Biscay and Molina.

LEST WE FORGET.

There is perhaps a little too much laudation of the talents and virtues that are supposed to accompany the use of the English language; and Rudyard Kipling's "Lest we forget" might with profit be taken to heart by the whole English-speaking world.

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Commander Crowninshield is chief of the bureau of navigation and a member of the strategy board. His declaration in reference to the canal are expert testimony. All the public discussion over the canal has hitherto been devoted to its commercial aspects.

To Arms the Cry!

The magnificent victory that attended our navy at Manila, the valor of our sailor boys, the heroism that surpasses the brave days of old, has agitated with patriotic enthusiasm the great popular heart and has tremendously and laudably increased desire to know as much as possible about our navy, our army, our fortifications and the military resources of the nation.

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