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It will be noticed that President McKinley has a way of saying "no" and looking pleasant at the same time.

Spain's Acceptance.

The formal acceptance by Spain of the American terms of peace concludes, so far as Spain is concerned, the most notable chapter in modern history. That Spain has succumbed "only to superior force" makes no difference in the practical result. The superior force which has finally eliminated Spain...

The force which the American republic exerted in its conflict with Spain was superior because it was guided by conscience and an enlightened conception of political responsibility. The force put forth by Spain was inferior because it ignored every teaching of history and sought to carry over into the twentieth century the exploded ideas and ideals of mediævalism.

There need be no fears that the treaty of peace thus accepted by Spain will be rejected by the American senate. The superior force of American public opinion will conquer the senatorial recalcitrants just as effectively as that same force, exemplified in the guns of Dewey, Sampson, Miles and Shafter, overcame the trans-Atlantic enemy.

Having on account of ill health to resign either the editorship of the Outlook or the pastorate of Plymouth church, Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott gives up the pulpit for the tripod—a fact which is in itself an eloquent tribute to the power of the press.

Our Task in Cuba.

It is evident that American energy will have to regenerate Cuba in the face of Cuban opposition. This opposition will not be expressed in military forms; it will not be explosive or violent. It will be the opposition of sullen inactivity and dogged conservatism, the opposition of the Latin race to Anglo-Saxon overthrow of its inherited traditions.

Those who expect sweeping reforms to be accomplished in one day are doomed to disappointment. Cuban character, which has been formed by centuries of contact with the corrupt ruling classes from Spain, is incapable of realizing its own weakness. Cuban reform will be a slow process, as has just been demonstrated to Mr. Conant, an American attorney, who was sent to Guanabacoa to bring the people to that suburb to the realization of their own needs.

Taking Time.

Unless unforeseen necessity shall appear, it probably will be wise not to call an extra session of the Fifty-sixth congress as was at first expected. The counsel of many of the Republican leaders is against it and it is understood that the president also favors waiting until the regular session for the consideration of measures looking to the establishment of civil government in the new territory which has come under American jurisdiction.

It is possible that Mr. Conant would have experienced greater success had he employed as his spokesman a representative Cuban educated in the United States. This would have obviated misunderstandings and made the natives to realize that the proposed changes were not for the benefit of any body else than themselves.

The task before the government and people of the United States in Cuba is unquestionably a big one. It will require courage and patience, perseverance and grit. But we are pledged to it; our honor no less than our conscience is at stake; we dare not hesitate. If it was worth while for the men of the Maine to give their lives as a sacrifice to Cuban liberty or for the heroes of San Juan and El Caney to baptize in blood and suffering the battle ground around Santiago, it will certainly be worth while for their work to be followed up and carried to completion.

Only by such means can they receive a fitting monument.

Ex-Judge Gordon having publicly perorated Colonel McClure "the most ignoble character now living" and pledged his remaining efforts to an attempt to expose McClure, the gallant colonel offers to the irascible ex-judge the free use of the columns of his newspaper for this purpose and concludes a gentle rejoinder by saying: "Gordon's exhibitions present the most offensive diarrhoea of chaotic babbling and the severest constipation of truth that we can recall in our long acquaintance with public men."

Our Merchant Marine.

The war between the United States and Spain has effectively settled several matters that have been hitherto regarded as more or less conjectural or theoretical, but none more clearly than the need and value of a merchant shipping of our own. The effectiveness of auxiliary cruisers, their availability, their serviceableness, have been asserted with ability and persistence by those best qualified to speak for many years, but the war with Spain was needed to demonstrate the truth of these claims.

The lack of trained American seamen and firemen was a most serious one during the whole of the war, and while it was possible to secure the services of aliens, especially in some of our auxiliary cruisers, that very success admonishes us of our danger, and clearly shows how close to disaster we were, and how great disaster would probably have been had our enemy been one of the leading powers.

While the perfection of laws for the government of our new possessions will probably engage the attention of congress for a long time to come, it is obvious that it cannot postpone for a moment the adoption of such laws as shall induce American capital to go into shipwreck and as shall attract to our merchant marine our own citizens.

A Good Natured Man.

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. President McKinley's letter read a few evenings ago at the banquet of the New York chapter of commerce, his calm, dignified, presidential utterances, distinguished for their courtesy and kindness of tone, and especially for their cheer, hopeful spirit, the perfectly disinterested and generous optimism. No one can cite a more cynical or despondent word that has fallen from his lips or pen.

Denmark.

In Denmark some one has discovered a process by which milk can be preserved by freezing it into blocks, and the process is said to be a great success. The milk cans cannot be kept longer than forty-eight hours without losing something of its flavor, but is claimed that milk frozen in this way does not only keep its flavor in an even temperature, but is as entirely free from bacteria as if it had been bottled. The Chicago Record says a company has been formed at Copenhagen with a capital of \$50,000 to perfect this process and erect a plant capable of turning out 100,000 pounds a day, which can be shipped to any part of the world in vessels that have a refrigerator capacity.

Beautiful Christmas Magazines.

The dairy industry of Pennsylvania is one of the largest, if not the largest, of the state's agricultural interests. The total annual valuation of the dairy products of the state is \$25,725,725, of which milk is sold for immediate consumption. Pennsylvania stands third in butter production, with a total product of 8,129,228 pounds, sixth in cheese production, with a total of 2,472,297 pounds, and fifth in the number of milk cows, with a total of 927,254.

Only one country in the world has a larger average of individual savings deposits than the United States. That is little Newfoundland. Her population is 140,971; hers is \$123.21. Next comes Canada, with \$227.91. Hungary is fourth, with \$27.19. In the whole United States there are only 300 savings banks, but the number of depositors is 4,573,325, and the whole amount deposited is \$1,618,557,788, or nearly one-third of all the savings in the world.

DESTINY.

From the Philadelphia Times. The war with Spain, that covered a period of but little exceeding one hundred days, has shaped a new destiny for the United States that is inexorable. Theorize as we may, and strongly as our traditions and declared purposes plead against territorial expansion beyond the continent, a new destiny has been shaped for us by a power vastly greater than ourselves.

NEWS AND COMMENT

According to official reports 2,567,455 persons received assistance or relief from the various charitable associations of New York state last year. This includes only such associations as are organized under the state laws and are required to make reports of their transactions to the commissioner of charities. It does not embrace a multitude of religious organizations, mission schools, the King's Daughters, the Epworth League, Christian Endeavor, and many others, with their helping hands and the many benevolent branches of the Catholic church which are always offering succor to the poor and needy. The amount of money, food and clothing distributed by private individuals cannot be taken account of. The total amount of money expended for charities last year by organized charities in the state of New York was \$11,100,480.

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For a grove of 12 walnut trees located in Cass county, Michigan, the Sanderson Furniture company, of Mishawaka, Ind., lately paid \$10,000. It would pay our Populist friends to go to tree planting.

See Window.

Such are our new possessions, all of which are entirely outside of the long-declared policy of the republic, but the destiny has been shaped for us and we could not escape it if we would and would not now escape it if we could. The people of the country will naturally smile at the government in accepting the new destiny shaped for us by the Spanish war.

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