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OF SPAIN AND THE SPANIARD.

Now that the Spaniard is so much in public thought his national historical characteristics are being recalled by students and the masses of our people are again asking who he is and whence came, and are giving answers short and to the point. He is a relic of the medieval. He came of war, strife and hatred between races; he is the result of ages of cruelty and conquest, of oppression and the oppressor, in which he has been alternately victim and master; the result of centuries of religious fanaticism, bigotry and superstition; of countless insurrections and piratical conquesting; of unparalleled intolerance and misdirected chivalry.

Several distinct races of men have by conquest occupied the peninsular territory, and each has left an impress upon the character of the State, traces of which still remain, and the composite of all these is the Spanish people as we have them at this day with the vices and virtues of all inextricably mingled and still fashioning Spanish character. Perhaps no other ground of Europe has been so saturated with human blood or fought over more savagely, and in no part of the continent has there been at any time such absolute rule of intolerance and uncharitableness as upon the soil of Spain. The domination of the Moslem for 800 years stamped upon the character of the nation lines that have not been effaced by Christian civilization and probably never will be.

But though the Moors overcame the native peoples and drove the remnant of them to the mountains of the north, where hatred of the Arab and fealty to the cross were cherished until the Spaniard as a national character again assumed control, he was tainted by something of the barbarity of the conquerors. It was distinctly manifest in the hour of his triumph and in the unmerciful fury with which the invading hosts and their institutions were driven back and out of the kingdom.

It is not surprising that the Spaniard as we have him, born of hatred, centuries of war, bitterness, intolerance and persecution, should be naturally more cruel and less sympathetic in war than other classes of civilized beings. The ages of strife through which his nation passed and the trials it endured implanted cruelty, revengefulness and fanaticism in his nature and made him treacherous despite his better promptings.

He rallied in the centuries succeeding the expulsion of the infidel and became as brilliant as he was merciless, as passionate as he was courageous, as poetic as he was warlike, as cunning as he was brave, and as regardless of the rights of others as centuries of violation of his own had taught him to be.

That a people thus molded should fall to harmonize and move abreast with the peaceful commercial modern spirit is not surprising; that they should fail or refuse to come to the level of the prosaic and unromantic methods and thought of the latter half of the century is not at all astonishing. That such a state should develop shrewd politicians and cunning diplomats, as well as eminent scholars and noble examples in art and literature is the highest credit that can be claimed for it.

Its boldness in adventure and disposition to grasp have not been more conspicuous than its miserable failures as a colonizer, and its wretched attempt to rule or govern those it dominates. In the nature of the race there is little room for the tolerant spirit, and less ambition among the masses to broaden and up-build except by conquest. Spain has, in fact, achieved no victories by other than the force of arms. That such a state should part steadily, one after another, with its possessions abroad, was as inevitable as the sweep of time.

It has not in its character the benevolent characteristics which win the respect or rivet the affection of other peoples to it. Step by step it has been driven from its hold the world over, until its last important strongholds beyond the peninsula appear to be slipping away to the point of absolute loss.

The Christian-Arabic history of Spain ought to have given the world a nation of most enduring quality; it has, in fact, given us a people who, once united under Isabel as a mighty kingdom, holding the cross above the crescent, has come to be numbered among the weakest and least cohesive of States. At one time the most absolute kingdom on the face of the globe, it suddenly became the most noted example of limited monarchy, and from that it made the leap again to absolutism. It has vacillated between constitutional government and unbridled monarchy, and has been dashed between the forces of anarchy and the invader, of democracy and imperialism.

It abolished the Inquisition at one time, and re-established it at another. It arbitrarily changed the line of descent among its princes, and warred within itself between self-government and abject submission to a royal aristocracy. It freed the nation from uncharitableness, and chained it again to absolutism. It freed the nation from uncharitableness, and chained it again to absolutism. It freed the nation from uncharitableness, and chained it again to absolutism.

It made and suffered many conquests; it gave freedom to slaves while at another moment it dealt in human chattels. It cast dice with its enemies for allyships, and lost at every throw. From a mighty power, occupying the most fertile portion of the globe, it has descended by steady gradations to the least consequential of powers. A nation of progressive Europe, yet it stands isolated and apart from the spirit of progress, and in the midst of

refinement, art, elegance and literature, it pursues its pleasures in brutality and inhumanity.

A State of the Old World, dating its romantic history from antiquity, it is as far apart from the other States of the Old World as if separated from them by boundless oceans. At one time the lawgiver to the Eastern Hemisphere, the smallest States of Europe now do it honor with insincerity, and regard it for its traditions more than they respect it for its virtues.

There has been no nation so distinguished for the violent contrasts of history, few that have conquered more, none that have lost so much and still live; not one so romantic and poetic, and not one so cruel and wanting in the finer attributes of humanity. With a literature of the proudest character, but least of any studied to-day, Spain is a nation of glorious traditions and humiliating failures.

Whence came Celt-Iberians originally we need not now trouble to state; it is sufficient to know that the Spanish who stand for them to-day constitute the most conspicuous example among civilized peoples of a declining nationality. We know this, that the founders of the race came fighting to the soil, challenging all men to give way before them; that their representatives have been fighting for the soil ever since, and the portent is that they will go out of the ranks of great States still contending and turning the sword against others.

Some of our contemporaries of the interior, indeed some metropolitan papers, have fallen into the same error, are making the mistake of saying that the Stratton primary law was defeated in the Supreme Court because of the words "and for other purposes" in the title. What the Supreme Court did hold was that the words quoted were surplusage and not to be heeded at all, having under the Constitution no meaning whatever; that the title without or with those words failed to comply with the constitutional command to the Legislature, and, finally, that even had the title been unobjectionable, the Act itself is in conflict with the Constitution because it undertook to deprive citizens of electoral rights guaranteed to them by the organic Act. Just what these deprivations were it is not necessary to catalogue here. It is not safe to express opinion concerning any judicial decision upon reading headlines only, since they are often misleading and naturally enough, as headline writers, as a rule, do not have time to study a decision of much length and to make the headlines constitute a syllabus.

A Congressional committee has been looking into the matter of a war tax schedule in case we go to battle with Spain. The first shot out of their locker of suggestions is that an additional tax of \$1 a barrel be put upon beer, and then the list stretches along down an avenue of taxes, and stamps on documents, etc., that recalls the days when the war tax was really on, and the nation knew what war actually was. The generation of youths of this time, which is so very "hot" for a "scrap," as it is popular to phrase it, has no conception of what an armed conflict between nations means. But what will the lovers of the malt say to a tax on their beverage, and that, too, the beginning of the levies to provide the chief sinecure of war?

The Queen Regent of Spain—and, by the way, she is no Spaniard—is all at once deeply moved for the poor reconcentrados, and declares that her heart has bled for Cuba for three long years. Indeed, madam, then, why, since you are the head of the council of the kingdom and preside over its sessions very frequently, have you not moved that body as you might have done to order repeal of Weyer's brutal order? None know better than you who was raised in a court of arms, that it was a procedure in violation of the recognized code of civilized warfare. We very much fear that the Queen's heart did not begin to bleed until Uncle Sam's voice began to roar.

It does unhappily come to war with Spain how utterly and completely these inconsequential yellow journals will drop out of sight and importance, in the presence of so great an interest and momentous a proceeding. The American people will then turn, as they always do in time of stress, to the conservative, self-respecting, non-sensational press for news, for counsel and for reflection of the true thought of mankind.

A French aeronaut is constructing another bag of silk to go in search of Andree. Of course, he has the advantage of knowing that Andree floated out of sight. Beyond that it would seem that it is the case of one crank following in the path of another. What earthly good can come of this gruesome struggling for fame at the expense of life risked upon a fool's errand?

One very excellent reason why the insurgents of Cuba reject the latest autonomous suggestion of Spain, is that under that form of autonomy a Governor-General is placed over the people who has power at any moment, of his own motion and sweet will, to declare martial law, set aside civil process and rule with a rod of iron.

A dispatch from Washington gives an interview with "Dr. Rooker, Secretary of the Papal Legation in Washington." It will be news to most Americans to learn that there is a Papal Legation at the seat of Government in this country.

So the Spanish torpedo flotilla turned up at Cape Verde Islands, did it? We wonder if it was not prearranged, if in fact it was ever intended to send it across the Atlantic; if indeed its departure from Spain was not a big bluff. Speaking of flotillas, there is a story back some distance in historical records of another flotilla, larger, by the name Armada, that set sail from Spain. And what became of that body of proud ships?

VOICE OF THE PRESS.

EXTRACTS FROM EDITORIAL EXPRESSION.

State and Coast Opinions on Subjects of Living News Interest.

Fresno Republican: The administration will not take hasty action on Cuban matters. We should say not, it has been incubating on the matter until it has made itself ridiculous and disgusted the country. The loss of a ship or two and a hundred or two of brave men will not warm up the President—Expositor.

There is a class of fools who would doubtless have had this country declare war against Spain before preparation had been made to fight a single naval battle upon equal terms with the enemy, and there is a large class of knaves who understand the meaning of the words that is being pursued but for vicious partisan purposes discredit their own Government by malevolent attacks upon its administration.

NO PARTIES NOW. Livermore Herald: There are no parties in Washington, or rather there is but one party and that party has for its platform the memorable declaration of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, right or wrong." The sickness of a peace dependent upon the exigencies of business disappears at such times as these. An undivided nation awaits the signal from the President.

WHAT WAR MEANS. Los Angeles Times: As the prospect of war comes nearer and nearer, day by day, the normal-minded man is sobered, for he sees the gallant lads of our navy and army falling in the red hell of combat; he sees the mighty crews of the fleet down to the bottom of the old flag flying; he sees the tears of women and his ears are wounded with their cries of sorrow; he sees the maimed lying in the hospitals battling for life; he sees the surgeons stripped for work, with their bare arms reeking with the blood of our beloved boys; he sees the shells tearing gaps through edifices that wealth has builded; he sees the earnings of the nation burned up in powder smoke, sunk in the sea, shattered into ruins on the land; he sees death stalking along the crimson decks of our men-of-war in ten thousand awful guises; he hears the moans of the dying, the hiss of bullets, the shriek of shells, the roar of artillery, and he sees the flames blowing from the muzzles of great guns, streaming from sky-piercing rockets, the bursting from the bowels of our ships of commerce—these are the visions the thoughtful man sees, as the lines of battle form and the squadrons deploy, and these are the sounds that fright his ears in imagination, for they are the concomitants of war. Let no one look upon war as a holiday diversion, as a thing to be sought with eagerness, or to be entered into without deliberation, for at best it is an awful, a deplorable, a horrible thing. In its train follows the vultures of ruin, a procession of crime, misery and will not be comforted, and the scars it leaves time never obliterate. But if it comes in the interest of humanity, national honor and integrity and the cause of eternal justice, let us, as men and brothers, enter into it soberly and prayerfully, and may God give to our banner the luster of victory and to our nation the commendation of all the sons of men!

BUYING ABOARD. Ukiah Republican-Press: In the avalanche of what speaking that marked the campaign no phrase of the silverites was delivered with a more swelling emphasis than "without the aid or consent of any other nation." There was something in it supposed to put all other countries in the background with one white of the eye toward the United States. In commenting upon the above the "Globe-Democrat" says that less than two years have passed, and we find ourselves involved in a serious foreign controversy. The great conception of cutting loose from all the rest of creation will be admitted, at present, to be quite impracticable. We might have been willing to sell our products on a silver basis, but other nations take a different view of their transactions.

THE ARMY. Willows Junction: The proposition to increase the regular army to 100,000 should be pushed for all it is worth. Our army at present is as good as anybody's, man for man, but the idea of 27,000 men to do garrison duty and defend a country of 100,000,000 miles and a population of 70,000,000 is bordering on the ridiculous. Such an army as we have at present is the cause of the contempt in which we are held by ignorant Europeans who judge every country by the number of her soldiers. Spain has a larger army than we, but this illusion will be dispelled in a few days.

THE COUNTRY READY. Visalia Delta: There has never been in the history of the world a country more united on any proposition than is this on the Cuban question. There is no division into parties or classes, and the country is in its support of the Administration, and is prepared to go to any length to sustain it in any course that may be decided on to bring peace and independence to Cuba and satisfaction for the destruction of the Maine. The whole country has spoken its mind freely and frequently. The last body of men to pledge its unqualified support to the Government is the "National Business Men's League," to which capitalists and large firms in many States belong. They are for peace if it can be preserved with honor, and for war if it be necessary.

NOT A THREAT. Oakland Enquirer: It can hardly be claimed that the sending of a torpedo fleet across the Atlantic by Spain is such a threat against the United States that we are justified in resenting it. During the whole of the Cuban war the United States has been collecting a powerful fleet of all classes of vessels—fifteen or twenty ships—at Key West, which is less than a hundred miles from Havana. If after that Spain begins to concentrate her naval strength at Havana it is only such a prudent measure of self-defense as any nation would be justified in taking.

TO CINCH THE INTERIOR. San Jose Mercury: In the matter of freight rates it is to be hoped that the overland roads will not permit the San Francisco jobbers to take the people in San Jose and other terminal points in the State outside of San Francisco. They desire to compel every merchant at these outside points to purchase his goods in San Francisco, and they hope to attain this end by persuading the companies to advance the rates on all less than carload lots. Home industry is a good thing, and ought to be patronized so far as possible, but the hoglish

propensities and lack of legitimate enterprise of the San Francisco jobbers and wholesalers are well known, and if they have lost a large portion of their trade they themselves are to blame for it. FAILURE OF THE PRIMARY LAW. Tulare Register: But this failure will only cause delay. The Republican party will grapple with the proposal again at the next session of the Legislature and will keep up the fight until a primary election law is obtained that will be feasible and constitutional. The wheels of progress do not turn backward. Inasmuch as the law was defective it was well enough to have it decided in advance of its attempted operation, but reformed primary election laws will soon be as universal among the States of this Union as the Australian ballot system now is and, notwithstanding this failure the "Register" is glad that the Reform and the Republican party took the lead in this much-needed reform. A belief in honest elections is a cardinal principle of Republicanism and there cannot be honest elections without honest primaries, and there cannot be honest primaries without a good primary election law.

NO LONGER SUPREME. San Joaquin News: The editorial department of a great newspaper is no longer supreme. The business office is first to be considered, and that department finds yellow matter pays, so this vicious style of later-day journalism has come to stay until it kills itself or runs its course. THE RESERVATION ORDER. San Bernardino Times-Index: To allow grass in the mountains to go through the season unconsumed while cattle, horses and sheep stretch their emaciated carcasses by thousands over the dry plains and hills would be a calamity to California and a wrong to her people. The President should open the reservations for this season at all events, but somehow the grazing lands should be leased or apportioned so as to prevent their being overstocked and to give nobody substantial good.—Tulare Register.

This is an untrue statement of the conditions and the law. There is nothing to prevent horses and cattle entering the reservation, but the Government has wisely ruled sheep out. The necessity of guarding against the home population as if it were an invading army. No other Government in Europe, not even Russia, is in so serious a condition. Spain stands revealed before the world as not having controlled the growth of her unworthy and fatal population as if it were an invading army. The inevitable disaster draws nearer each day, and is not delayed by the fact that Spanish statesmen welcome foreign complications as offering a favorable diversion of the direction in which the combative spirit seeks to expend itself.

Much more might be written, but why multiply words? Spain is being hurried to her doom by the blinding forces within her. Her brutality in peace and in war make her unworthy of kinship with the sisterhood of progressive peoples. She is a survival of bloody times that have for many nations long ago passed away. It will indeed be a strange historic parallel, if the Anglo-Saxon race that has untroubled her career in the western world, should also be the one to finally expel her! Fallen the pride of Aragon. The lordly might of high Castile! Mark how the sun's shadows steal Where erst the sun of empire shone!

As some strong seed unthinking pent In costly ware or fragile jar, Its bursting forth, its stretching far, Burst outward, seeking nourishment: So when a new world had its birth, The swelling seed of wide domain Fell on the barren soil of Spain, It withered there for lack of earth.

Thus many dawning lives we see, Closing too soon in dark despair— Too narrow-soiled to rightly bear Full-grown responsibility.

Saving Now. Bobbie Bunting—I guess that fellow must be engaged to sister at last. With Silson—He is a good fellow. "He has suddenly stopped giving me money."—Boston Traveler.

THE ILLS OF WOMEN And How Mrs. Pinkham Helps Overcome Them. Mrs. MARY BOLLINGER, 1101 Marianna St., Chicago, Ill., to Mrs. Pinkham: "I have been troubled for the past two years with falling of the womb, leucorrhoea, pains over my body, sick headaches, backache, nervousness and weakness. I tried doctors and various remedies without relief. After taking two bottles of your Vegetable Compound, the relief I obtained was truly wonderful. I have now taken several more bottles of your famous medicine, and can say that I am entirely cured." Mrs. HENRY DOER, No. 806 Findley St., Cincinnati, Ohio, to Mrs. Pinkham: "For a long time I suffered with chronic inflammation of the womb, pain in abdomen and bearing-down feeling. Was very nervous at times, and so weak I was hardly able to do anything. Was subject to headaches, also trouble with leucorrhoea. After consulting for many months with different physicians, and getting no relief, I had given up all hope of being well again when I read of the great good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was doing. I decided immediately to give it a trial. The result was simply past belief. After taking four bottles of Vegetable Compound and using three packages of Sanative Wash I can say I feel like a new woman. I deem it my duty to announce the fact to my fellow sufferers that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable remedies have entirely cured me of all my pains and suffering. I have her alone to thank for my recovery, for which I am grateful. May heaven bless her for the good work she is doing for our sex."

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in Peru, the strip of land fifty and more miles wide, stretching from the ocean front to the foothills of the Andes supported a prosperous population of many hundreds of thousands. The patient Peruvians had, by vast irrigation works, made this sandy desert blossom like the rose. In some cases they had constructed aqueducts hundreds of miles long, and even pierced mountains in order that this region might be watered. The desert is once more triumphant. The conquerors seeking and esteeming those things only that could be gained by the sword, neglected the real essentials of prosperity, and to this day the evil results are felt. Mexico was a similar victim. The strange creatures whom Montezuma ruled were exceedingly progressive. But their works and plans and agricultural gains were scattered to the winds by their bloodthirsty conquerors, and to this day the spiritless Peon seems sunken beyond all hope of revival. Thus everywhere, at home, abroad, Spain has prepared the way for her own undoing.

The Grandee spirits. For centuries after the destruction of the Roman Empire by the Goths and Vandals, the human intellect was practically benumbed. A pall of darkness was over all; the nobles were almost as unlearned as their serfs and the serfs were utterly hopeless. Aspiration lay like a giant chilled by the cold. But since that time stimulation of thought has caused the great heart of the world to throb with increasing power until the feeling of a common humanity thrills in some degree even those most separated by birth and wealth. But against the tendency of the people to think and act, hope and accomplish, the proud and stubborn spirit of Spanish grandeeism has stood out resolutely. The rising tide of human aspiration cannot be withstood. If Government even though hoary with age or crusted with heroic deeds, try to turn a deaf ear to the cry of the poor for life and liberty, for education and for hope, the cry will not die out, but its pleading will be turned into a more and more powerful growl of a cornered beast. Thus has it been with Spain. Far more organized than nihilism in Russia, is anarchism in Spain. The nation is honey-combed with lawless sentiments. The men in power are without the hopelessness of guarding against the home population as if it were an invading army. No other Government in Europe, not even Russia, is in so serious a condition. Spain stands revealed before the world as not having controlled the growth of her unworthy and fatal population as if it were an invading army. The inevitable disaster draws nearer each day, and is not delayed by the fact that Spanish statesmen welcome foreign complications as offering a favorable diversion of the direction in which the combative spirit seeks to expend itself.

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