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Words with a Meaning This Time.

Sufficient information has come from the State Department to justify the belief that the United States has dispatched an ultimatum to Austria, the note regarding the sinking of the Ancona, will be delivered in Vienna.

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Seeing the U. S. Capitol On the Efficiency Plan

"This statue," said the Capitol guide, casting a critical eye at the Franklin, "cost \$10,000." "It's carved out of solid marble," he added proudly as he noted the deep shadows in the eye of the large lady from Ohio.

THE OPEN FLOOR

Readers of The Herald Express Their Views on Current Topics.

A Line o' Cheer Each Day o' the Year.

By JOHN KENDRICK BANGS. First printing of an original poem written daily for The Washington Herald.

WHAT OF TODAY?

It's not where I'll be tomorrow That bothers me on my way, That vexes my soul with sorrow, But where am I at Today!

Pro Pecunia.

The world is mad: I ought to know Who watch them hurry to and fro In search of money, power and pride, An auto or a pretty face, Rich food and raiment superfine, The rarer brands of foreign wine, Shows and the tense neurotic noise Such as the ragtime world enjoys.

Dead Babies or Cotton Bales.

In the Senate on Friday, after Hoke Smith, the cotton statesman from Georgia, had discharged his cargo of evidence and argument upon the debatable question of the legality of the allies' commercial blockade and demanded action of some sort by the United States government, Henry Cabot Lodge sounded the note that rang true, that is sounding throughout the country today, when he said: "The body of an innocent child floating dead on the water, the victim of the destruction of an unarmed vessel, is to me a more poignant and a more tragic spectacle than an unsold bale of cotton."

We are likely to be slow in locating the direction of certain sounds.

Now they may seem to come from one direction and now from another. The saying, common among us, that our senses have deceived us applies with particular force to this sense. There are those whose hearing is marvelously acute. Sometimes we say that they have sharp ears. But hearing is by no means related to the ears alone, as, after brief reflection, we shall agree. It is, somehow, related to our whole being.

The teeth, closely related to the ears, deaf people have found great aids to hearing.

Perhaps there is no part of the body that is unrelated to this sense. And then we know people who can hear sounds from a distance so phenomenal that it would seem as if the sounds must reach by some supernatural power. Often those highly developed psychically will receive messages of distress, like cries, from those dear to them in other parts of the world. In such cases we are inclined to think that the message comes, not by hearing, but by means of the ear, but by a power that transcends sense and that is related to the mind or to the soul or to both.

How to Tell a Representative.

The House of Representatives has 425 members. We cannot tell the count last night. It is easy to tell a member of the House. In the first place he is too old to be mistaken for a minor league baseball player, and he is much too busy to be seen in the company of the heavy man in a stock company.

Our Civil War Blockade.

Editor of The Washington Herald: When President Lincoln issued his blockade proclamation of April 9, 1861, he did not have more than 100,000 men in the United States Army.

FLEETWOOD L. DIXON.

Editor of The Washington Herald: In behalf of myself and the Staff of the American people, I wish to thank you for your splendid editorial in today's Herald entitled, "And Then the Official Statement of the President." It is a masterpiece of logic and common sense.

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A Statesman's Error.

"A self-governing Washington could hardly be worse than the Washington which must hang on the skirts of Congress and look to strangers for favors," said Representative Bailey, of the House District Committee, the other day.

Navy, Not Diplomacy.

According to the New York World, no American has a right to attack the President's policy in the event of war. It is not the duty of the citizen to say that there is no diplomacy but only war, and that his diplomacy is necessarily a substitute for war.

The Herald's Army and Navy Department

Latest and Most Complete News of Service and Personnel Published in Washington

ARMY ORDERS.

Second Lieut. John C. Barthol, Fifth Infantry, will be assigned to duty at Fort Stanton, N. Y., for a period of six months.

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Justice Day and His Son. Justice Day, of the United States Supreme Court, has a small status as a writer in "Everybody's" observes; while his son looks high even among six-footers. Recently the son came into the Supreme Court room. Holmes jotted down a note on a piece of paper and passed it along. When he reached Justice Day, he said, "Why, Justice Day, I have just observed that your father's block of the old chip, isn't it, Day?" W. A. FOSTER.