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Senator Quay's Speech.

It is the glory of free government that the occasion in America always attracts the man. This was yesterday, passed away in the senate of the United States when the silent man from Pennsylvania, Matthew Quay, spoke the words with a heart of patriotism as terse and pregnant in phraseology as it was virile in sentiment and opportunity in delivery.

Where in the history of mankind since the human race had birth is there a parallel instance of savagery equal to that given by Spain in Cuba, as told in the consular reports? We challenge the world to answer.

The Message.

With the exception of one feature the president's message is a document which ought to receive the unqualified approval of the American people. Its general massing of evidence against Spain is unimpeachable. Its argument against immediate recognition of the insurgent government is strong.

Whether the reticence of the president on this issue was in deference to the past attitude of neutrality which our government has assumed or was meant as a winker to congress of the privilege of suggesting a more definite objective point we cannot assume to say.

No wonder Blanco trembled when he heard that Lee and the other consuls had left.

The Consular Reports.

Compared with the consular reports the president's message is tame and colorless. The message makes no argument for Cuban freedom. It does not anywhere intimate that the "stable government" which the president desires to be empowered to establish in Cuba may not be a government based upon continued though modified Spanish sovereignty.

But the consular reports, the liberal synopsis of which, appearing elsewhere, we commend to the attentive perusal of our readers, invest with innumerable edicts the very phrase of

Spain. In the light of them the flag of Castile stands forth as a symbol of infamy in contrast with which the black emblem of piracy is white as the driven snow. The American public has of late learned something as to Spanish selfishness in Cuba from the newspaper correspondents and congressional investigators. The calm speech of Senator Proctor gave what was thought to be an idea of the Cuban situation, but these various preceding advices become more glistening rush lights in the full glare of the official consular revelations of the inhumanity of the Peninsular power in its long faithful Caribbean colony.

The piping trouble of diplomacy may treat these chronicles of barbarity as mere incidents of an internecine war, but the virile voice of outraged Americanism will view in them an imperative duty.

We much mistake the temper of congress and the American people if the next fortnight shall not start effective forces moving for the absolute freeing of Cuba.

Paying the Freight.

Says the Syracuse Post: "If the United States goes to war with Spain over Cuba it will necessarily suffer more or less damage and be put to considerable expense. After the Spanish troops have been driven out of Cuba and peace has been restored, who will

Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is tramping out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on.

I have seen him in the watch-towers of a hundred circling camps; They have built him an altar in the evening's dews and damps; I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps; His day is marching on.

I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnish'd rows of steel; "As ye deal with My contemners, so with you My grace shall deal; Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with his heel; Since God is marching on."

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat; O, be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea; With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me; As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free; While God is marching on.

Indemnify this country for the losses it has sustained? Is it proposed to expend millions of dollars in preparations for war, and millions more in prosecution of the war to make Cuba free, and then turn the island over as a present to the Cubans? Or, should not the United States say that the actual money expense of driving the Spaniards out of Cuba should be reimbursed to this country from the future revenues of the island?"

We do not remember ever to have read a more disreputable inquiry. Do we want to force Cuba to pay us for doing our duty? Are we so avaricious that we must exact payment from a country already squeezed almost to death for the costs of a campaign for avenging the Maine? Perish the abominable thought!

Further patience with Spain, after yesterday's revelations, would be an international crime.

The Regular Army.

An army man writes to the Sun a letter touching the pending bill for the reorganization of the line of the regular army which explains many interesting points so that a civilian can understand them. For example, he notes that in the days of the muzzle-loading, smooth-bore musket, when men fought shoulder to shoulder, the color of a regiment could control directly the ten companies placed under his command; "but," he adds, "with the advent of modern weapons 'extended order' fighting followed of necessity, and it was found necessary to divide the regiment into three units or battalions, each consisting of four companies, and under command of its major, who controlled it directly when in action. Every European nation adopted this organization, some like the German, putting even four battalions into a regiment. The United States went only partly way in the right direction. The cavalry and artillery received the three-battalion formation, and still retain it, the principle being thus recognized as the right one; but the infantry, the 'backbone' of every army, still retains, with us, the old, obsolete organization."

Every report made to congress by the different secretaries of war, from 1883 to 1887, has, he informs us, urged putting the infantry on the modern footing, but nothing has yet been done.

While the bill now before congress recognizes the necessity for the three-battalion formation for the infantry, it does not permit the change to be made until war is actually reached. Then, "two entirely new companies are formed for each regiment, two 'skeleton' companies are filled out, officers are assigned to duties that will then be new to them, and in each regiment will be appointed eighteen officers who will then for the first time wear shoulder straps. The 'old soldier' element in each company will be swamped by the recruit in the proportion of four or five to one, so that the bill will give us in time of war a regular infantry approximating to a fancy volunteer's." Against this the writer protests, and evidently with reason. He adds: "It is said that the military committee of the house would gladly bring forward a bill giving the infantry a modern organization save for opposition on the ground of economy. An increase of only 2 per cent. in the present cost of the army would give the infantry the same organization as that of the cavalry and the artillery, while the increase in efficiency might be 100 per cent."

"These are army opinions, and therefore possibly colored by professional surroundings. But it seems to be very opportune to observe that the United States might better not have any

standing army at all than not to have one capable of large amplification in time of trouble without ineffectual efficiency. It is a case of save at the spigot to waste at the hunch-hole to spend a penny on either an army or a navy unless what you have is of the best. Because of objections on other grounds the bill has been re-committed, but the present congress will be remiss in its duty if, before adjournment, it shall not correct the weak point in the regular army organization pointed out above.

The autonomist cabinet at Havana which claimed to represent a majority of the inhabitants of the island had really a constituency, according to Consul General Lee, of itself and about twenty others. Evidently in its view these were "the people."

In case of conflict many of the war shouters will probably show their patriotism by liberal patronage of the beer upon which an extra war tax has been imposed.

It is altogether possible that some one will be displeased with the proposed settlement of the Cuban affair. It is difficult to please everybody.

In the meantime is Hawaii to be left out in the cold?

No recent news has been received from the proposed Li Hung Chang

addressed as 'professor.' We want a biography before we have lived. Some want to take Latin and Greek who do not know a personal pronoun in English. Some want post-offices who do not know how many stamped envelopes to give for 11 cents. Go to the farm; stick to the farm; work on shares; rent or buy land. You should never come to town unless you have something to sell or exchange. Build better and larger houses. We shall never be the equal of other races unless we cease to live on our own cash and shanties. The home is the foundation of society, morality and religion. We do not want to govern the country until we learn to govern the home. The education of the negro race has been on the leap-frog style. The scholars want to make haste, Latin, Greek, French and German are taught at the expense of English. The masses should have industrial, mechanical and literary training. As we are a laboring people we must live by the sweat of our brow. Let us give the masses industrial education. What does a negro or white man want with classical education unless there are opportunities where he can use it to advantage? Work, work, work; take up the hatchet and saw; follow the plow; push the plane. I see no good for you in politics, but I see plenty of harm. The colored population get excited every four years, and many leave the farm to sit around and wait for an office. Some have not worked since McKinley was made president, and their families are approaching starvation. Politics has ruined us and put us back many years. Live on friendly terms with the Southern white people. Help to run down and bring to speedy justice every man who commits criminal assault. Protect and defend all whites and colored people. Let us have a manhood among our race that we shall be proud of. In this way we can stop lynching."

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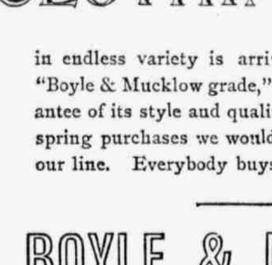
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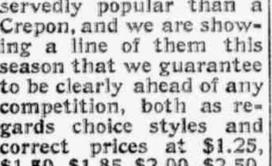
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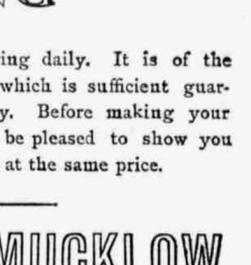
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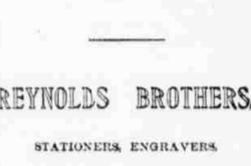
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