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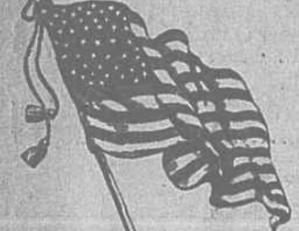
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Spain Finally Surrenders.

As has been confidently predicted from the day that President McKinley fixed a time limit in which the Spanish commissioners were to make reply to the final demands of the United States, the Spanish peace commissioners yesterday unconditionally accepted the demand of this country and consented to relinquish Cuba, and to cede to the United States Puerto Rico, Guam and the Philippine islands.

This completes every important point, and leaves now but the arrangement of the formal peace treaty and its signing, which will be done within a week or so. It is a complete surrender on Spain's part, although there are some minor matters yet to be decided, such as the purchase of a cable station in the Carolines and one or two other subjects of negotiation but not of demand.

The whole country will hail the final triumph of this government with pleasure. At no stage of the negotiations has this country been compelled to yield, but has steadily maintained its position and has accomplished all that it had outlined. The humiliation to Spain, and the probable domestic troubles which may grow out of the final surrender are matters for Spain herself to deal with. French and German sympathy can accomplish nothing and the attitude of the press of those countries do not in any way reflect the sentiments of the governments.

The situation is such that the United States will be left to deal with the questions that will now confront her without interference. The declaration of an "open door" policy will prevent any difficulty of an international character. Yesterday's proceedings virtually concluded the peace negotiations. The formal treaty will be based on these conclusions. It ends a chapter which is the beginning of a new era and a new destiny for this great republic. Faith and confidence in the President's wisdom for the future will be rewarded as in the past.

Behind the Procession.

The free silver campaign under "General Manager" Coin Harvey, duly appointed by National Chairman Jones for that purpose over the protest of wise Democrats, seems to have already begun, with a view to reviving the corpse for duty in 1900, judging from publications that are being made in some of our erstwhile free silver sixteen-to-one exchanges. Considering that all the free silver calamity prophecies after the defeat of two years ago have failed, and that the logic of events is all against the arguments, this peculiar campaign is to be based on utterances of public men of twenty years ago at the time of the resumption of specie payments, a policy which vindicated itself almost immediately.

This delving into utterances of so long ago for arguments which have been answered by history and disproven by events simply shows the usual hindsight of the new manager of the fifty cent dollar campaign. The people of this country are not living in the past, but in the present and for the future. They are not looking backward but they have their eyes steadily directed to the front. But that doesn't matter to the person who is chosen to manage matters. He is going to take the Democracy back two decades and perform the herculean effort of making the intelligent public believe that all that has taken place in the meantime—the wonderful progress and financial victories—is a myth.

One of these campaign documents, which are to help contribute to the bulk of waste-baskets and the stocks of junk shops, quotes an editorial which appeared in the Chicago Tribune on January 16, 1878, almost twenty-one years ago. There are two points in it—one is a gloomy prediction of the ruin of the

financial credit of the country, an awful picture of the misery this country was to experience as a result of the gold standard, and the prophecy that no one would ever be able to acquire property who did not already own it in 1878. The other point is that all this appeared in a Republican paper, notwithstanding that, in the light of the history of a score of years, that same paper is now an honest money paper, just as thousands of others that opposed resumption and the stoppage of free silver coinage are.

So, it seems, the brilliant general manager of Bryanism and Chicago platform heresies is to run his campaign for the dominant faction of the Democracy on antediluvian prophecies that have long since been dead and buried and are now bumptummes in the tomb of the past. One of these prophecies revived after nearly twenty-one years of burial is that the national banks were going to ruin the country—all other banks would be wrecked. Coin Harvey, general manager of the so-called Democratic party of to-day, is circulated this ancient disproved prediction as a campaign document for an election to be held two years hence. Does he think the people are ignorant fools?

Another prediction was that no one not owning property then would ever be able to possess any. Another was that the stock of gold would be constantly decreasing. Another is that hard times would be perpetual, unless "revolt, repudiation and communism would produce more frightful results." And this also is being circulated by the new and erratic manager of a great party. It was written twenty-one years ago, lacking one month. No; the people of the United States are not ignorant fools.

History has proven these things false. Their revival now shows how weak is the case for present day arguments, based on present conditions. Let "General Manager" Harvey continue with his literary bureau. He has made a most remarkable beginning. It is brilliantly illustrative of the tendency of the opposition party to keep a quarter of a century in the rear of the advancing procession.

Misrepresenting Trade Reports.

The Register, replying to a paragraph in this paper referring to the weekly trade report of R. G. Dun & Co., in which the statement is made that "thanksgiving means more than for thirty years, and that general prosperity is attested by the largest volume of business ever recorded," truthfully declares that this "concern" is controlled by Wall street, and that its statements are "a part of the bull and bear campaign." Since the Register's readers were permitted to read the report which covered trade conditions and the volume of general business, and not the stock and speculative markets, they know how wide of the truth the Register is. The trade reports throughout the country confirm the statements of Dun and Bradstreet.

Manufacturing statistics have not been so encouraging for years, and they do not emanate from Wall street, either. They are based on government and general industrial and commercial reports; the number of men employed in the productive lines is greater than for years; there are fewer idlers; the railroads have been busier than for several years past; our foreign trade in manufactured products has been unprecedented, with the balance on our side of the ledger. Wall street does NOT circulate these reports nor make them. They are facts borne out by business conditions that every business man is familiar with. The Register knows this to be true and attempts to deceive thoughtless readers, and insults the intelligence of thoughtful and observing readers.

Our contemporary, living in an industrial community, and in a state the chief industry of which in this present year has been unprecedented in its magnitude, in a city where mills and factories are working full capacity, in marked contrast to the six preceding years, has the nerve to give the Intelligence the following ridiculous advice:

If our neighbor honestly wishes to learn the exact situation in legitimate trade, it would stop reading these financial reports from New York and read its own local or state exchanges, interview a few of its own neighbors in business, take note of the exceptionally large number of business and industrial failures in our own immediate vicinity of late, and also the exceeding tightness of collections all along the line in every branch of legitimate business.

And, moreover, it should take off its partisan colored glasses and look at the business situation in these days of McKinley prosperity as it really, actually is.

The Intelligence was not quoting financial reports from Wall street; it was referring to general conditions of manufacturing, of trade and of commerce throughout the country. The showing is unprecedented in this generation. As to the condition in this state, it is excellent. For the first time our labor commissioner has been called upon to assist in procuring men for industrial establishments; there are no idle mills and factories, unless it is due to some cause not attributable to general trade conditions; failures show a decrease; our coal and lumber industries are unprecedented in point of production; the state banks and our national banks are prosperous; the state treasury has a magnificent balance; the people are generally employed, and there is no suffering demanding relief committees, as there was during about two years following the election of a free trade President and Congress. All things considered, there is more local prosperity than this state and city have enjoyed for years, notwithstanding it may not have reached the maximum.

The Intelligence spoke of the national conditions—every trade report, every condition bears out its statements. Suppose the Register, in its turn, stops reading calamity walls from free silver agitators, and "takes off its partisan colored glasses," and looks about itself and observes actual conditions, as shown by the trade and commercial reports, by the government statistics. What other information has it available? Why not be frank and admit the truth? It is all about us.

The great storm which swept over the east, particularly along the New England coast, and the loss of life, the suffering and destruction it left in its wake, was a record breaker and a November blizzard. As much as a week ago the government signal service sent out warn-

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PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

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The man who starts out to meet trouble never has to go half way. There are people who actually believe their troubles interest others. It isn't necessary for a woman to be an artist in order to draw attention. A man often has more respect for his servant than his servant has for the man.

Men take opposite sides on the money question, but the majority are on the outside. Were some people to talk of only what they really know, their silence would soon become painfully monotonous. Under the head of current literature, a household magazine prints instructions for making an electric battery. In China a wife is never seen by her husband before marriage. In this country some wives seldom see their husbands after marriage.—Chicago Daily News.

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