



No more will be heard during this generation of the opinion that a first class navy is not a paying investment.

The value of all classes of farm animals in the United States January 1, 1898, was \$150,000,000 greater than the year before.

At the Navy Department it was stated that the report of the Maine court of inquiry would probably be delivered to the department some time next week.

The report of a rising at Bohol, near Manila, Philippine Islands, is confirmed officially. A portion of the garrison has been besieged, but there has been none killed.

Prince Vittorio of Savoy, Count of Turin, who fought the duel with Prince Henry of Orleans, is said to be engaged to Princess Clara of Bavaria, younger sister of the Duchess of Genoa.

The Washington Post announces that the McKinley administration is now in its short skirts. Whereupon the Galveston News says, that this will make it easy for the concerns which desire to pull the administration's leg.

WHY SPAIN IS WORRIED.

The fact that Spain has represented that the presence of our fleet in the vicinity of Cuba interferes with the success of autonomy, is made the basis of a very interesting article by the Baltimore American which says that something of this sort has been heard before, and adds that out of regard for the feelings of the Spaniards Mr. Cleveland withdrew the North Atlantic squadron from its cruising grounds, and for several years not a single American naval vessel was ever seen in the southern waters of the United States.

It is possible, says our contemporary, that the presence of a fleet at Key West may give hope to the Cubans to arms, but they are not after autonomy. The only field for the bogus autonomy experiment is within the Spanish lines. The Spanish volunteers, to the number of forty thousand, have not only rejected with contempt, but terrorize Captain General Blanco to such an extent that he is afraid to enforce its provisions or disarm these rascals. Certainly, the presence of an American fleet in American waters can have no effect on these people, for they were in this same mood long before the Maine entered the harbor of Havana. It is inferred from Spain's communication that she is endeavoring to arouse sympathy and support in Europe. If this be her expectation, it is a hopeless one. If ever there was a time when the European powers had all and more than they could do in attending to their own affairs, that time is now. No amount of sentiment can induce them to turn their eyes in this direction, and the sooner Spain realizes that with the utmost clearness the better it will be for her. She has the United States to deal with, and she will be made to face her obligations fairly and honestly. There is no disposition on the part of the government or people to bulldoze or browbeat the Spaniards, and if Spain acts with sound sense and honesty, the clouds that loom upon her western horizon may be buried in the deep bosom of the ocean; but the United States will not alter her defensive arrangements to suit Madrid.

WHAT SPAIN THINKS OF OUR NAVY

The following is an interesting translation from Las Necesidades, a Spanish newspaper published in New York City:

"Our learned and active correspondent in Madrid Dan Judio de Vargas, in a letter we have received after great delay, due to the accident to the French steamer bringing it, commenting on the statements attributed to Senor Sobral regarding the Maine disaster, reflecting the very general opinion in Spain, expresses himself as follows:

"Over here we entertain a somewhat similar opinion to that it is supposed Senor Sobral holds; that the Maine was the victim of the carelessness of those on board; that the navy of the United States, well-nigh improvised, it may be said, suffers great defects of organization; that for this very reason the discipline and policing on vessels of the United States navy leave much to be desired on the part of the country to which it belongs, and that its fleet, relatively powerful, is much less to be feared than the Yankees imagine. "If Senor Sobral did not think and express all the foregoing, he would have done no more than echo the opinion held in Spain of the naval power of the United States, little caring, on the other hand, of their maritime superiority when they make such haste to place themselves in a position of water-logged garrisoning and arming

their coasts and pushing with headlong haste the completion of the vessels in their ship yards." The Washington Post, in referring to the above, advances an opinion, and one in which we all join, that "any attempt to combat this Spanish theory of the cause of the Maine disaster would be useless. The American people know that their navy has never failed them in time of need, and they are entirely confident that there was no lack of discipline or lack of the most prudent care on the ill-fated ship destroyed in Havana harbor. The government and people of the United States will soon know the facts of that calamity. And if that knowledge should demand the performance of any duty by our navy, that duty will be performed. It is a noticeable phase of the situation that the average opinion in Spain is about as far from the truth in one direction as the tone of some of the sensational papers in the United States is in the opposite course. There, as here, a wild fanatic appeal to passion and prejudice, a frenzied attempt to enkindle hatred and malice by printing false reports in display type, has been going on ever since the Maine horror occurred. Fortunately the American people and the government have proven impervious to such influences; the administration, Congress and the country have remained calm, and, in so doing, have shown how a great people and a strong government can bear themselves in a trying ordeal.

The remarks of "Novos Vremya," of St. Petersburg, on the relations of this country to Spain is held by our able contemporary, the New York Journal of Commerce, to be designed mainly as a warning to Spain not to precipitate war. While its tone is one of sympathy with Spain as against the United States, Spain is not only told that she has no ground for action, but she is warned to be careful that there shall be no ground for action in future. The Journal says that in the translation the pronouns have become somewhat confused, but the drift of the Russian paper seems to be a warning to Spain. It is of some significance that so prompt a denial officially should have been made by the German Government of the story that Emperor William had declared that the United States should never have Cuba, and it is of a good deal more significance that the semi-official German press has been remarking on the fact that commercial relations between Germany and the United States are more amicable as well as more important than the commercial relations between Germany and Spain. Both of these are more significant than the opinions of some newspaper writers in Vienna, where there are dyastic reasons for sympathy with the Queen Regent of Spain, and in Paris, where there is a good deal of financial interest in the fate of Spain.

Our contemporary ventured the hope that the United States is not to intervene at all, but adds that if it should the nations of the continent of Europe are not likely to go beyond expressing the deep regret the world knows they must feel at the effusion of blood. Germany and Russia are particularly averse to the shedding of blood. A year ago the people of the United States deeply regretted that Turkey should be allowed to make war on Greece, but as it was none of its business the United States said nothing on the subject. Three years ago the people of the United States felt that steps should be taken to prevent the consummation of the massacres of Armenians by Turks, but the United States Government regarded the powers signatory of the treaty of Berlin as the custodians of humanity and civilization in that quarter and did not offer its advice. More than that, it waived its own claims against the Turkish Government for the property of Americans destroyed, and it still waives them. In violation of his treaty rights an American was expelled from Turkey, and much property of Americans was destroyed and the lives of Americans were imperilled. The only way of stopping this sort of thing or securing redress or indemnity is to threaten a Turkish port by a man-of-war or two. That is what Austria did at Messina last year, and the effect was as prompt as it always is. But the United States will not employ any such means; it will allow all Americans to be driven out of the country and all the property of Americans to be destroyed rather than threaten to use force, because its intervention in protection of its own citizens might disturb the delicate poise of the concert of Europe over the Eastern question.

The United States Government still refuses to do for its citizen what Austria did at Messina or England at Corinto, or what we ourselves would do anywhere in the world except in a Turkish port. No matter what happens to Americans our Government is determined that it shall never be accused of meddling with the Eastern question or interfering with the plans of Russia or Germany. We do not expect any great degree of consistency from nations or individuals, but after our abstinence in the Levant, our refusal to even protect our own citizens, we should be very much surprised if any party to the treaty of Berlin interfered with our doing as we saw fit in Cuba. A great many of the American people have no desire to annex Cuba and have no desire to engage in a war with Spain, but if it must come every man will go his full duty.

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NOTES AND OPINIONS.

One good thing about this war seems to be that when it is over the American people will know a good deal more about their military and naval resources than they ever knew before. The present excitement has an educational value which is peculiarly its own.—New York Mail and Express.

So, "Butcher" Weyler wrote to her majesty at Madrid, stating that President McKinley was too far away for me to pants him! How is that for opera bouffe? Weyler, was admitted, the greatest war correspondent that ever was in Cuba. He was also the greatest long-distance fighter.—Cincinnati Post.

A special dispatch from Cleveland, O., says that "Troop A" is to be provided with elk underwear in case of war." Who depend upon such a contingency? If Spain refuses to fight shall Troop A go without proper apparel? Perish the thought! On with the war and the silk underwear!—Chicago Times-Herald.

PERSONALS.

It is said that Scott Hayes, a son of the former President, is about to launch out into theatrical life as the financial backer of Walter Jones. Chief Justice Fuller is the smallest man on the Supreme bench, and he is flanked by the two largest men, Justices Harlan and Gray, both being very tall and broad shouldered. Maurice De Mauny-Salvande, who is to marry the Hon. Mary Agnes Hyng, maid of honor to Queen Victoria, gave lectures to society people in New York and Boston two years ago. He belongs to one of the oldest families of France, which is as poor as it is old. The three Zulu chiefs, Dindzulu, Nda-huko and Tshingana, who for some years have been in banishment on the island of St. Helena, will shortly re-enter their native land. An order from the British government allowing their return to Zululand was issued recently. The Rev. Herbert Marston, the new incumbent of Belgrave Chapel, Pimlico, London, who has just taken up his duties, is totally blind, although, except from the fact that he is led to and fro from the pulpit and desk, one would hardly be conscious of his infirmity. He reads from raised type and has a singularly expressive voice.

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