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THE CALL SPEAKS FOR ALL.

The next thing we know Venezuela will issue an ultimatum.

Don't let the talk of foreign war lead you to forget home charity.

What has become of all the fellows who were denouncing the jingoes?

Appropriations for coast defenses will be one of the big things of this Congress.

War or no war, from this time forth the Monroe doctrine is an accomplished fact.

Compared with that of other countries our weather is a Christmas gift to be proud of.

Congress should be as prompt in dealing with the deficit as with the Monroe doctrine.

Democracy begins to see a possible leader in Olney, but is not quite sure that he is a Moses.

As Chauncey Dewey says, "I am proud of my family tree," it is reasonable to presume it is a peach.

Protection to Venezuela is good, but what does Democracy say to protection to American industry?

Of course Salisbury will follow Cleveland's example and take a holiday before he sends us an answer.

As the "City of Destiny" Tacoma is showing the world that even destiny can sometimes play in bad luck.

If Salisbury is anything of a skilled diplomatist he will change the conversation and talk about Armenia.

There is but little time left for leisurely trading in Christmas goods. The rush line will be reached to-morrow.

This is the day to leave orders for the Sunday Call, and you might as well leave them for the Christmas Call at the same time.

A dread rumor comes from Washington that one of Speaker Reed's rules will forbid Congressmen to put their feet on their desks.

Philadelphia is showing the country that when a quiet town does make a strike, it can be as riotous about it as any place called Chicago.

If we must have a war with England sooner or later, this would seem about as good a time as we can expect to fight it out and settle the matter.

The oil industry is getting to be a big thing in this State, and the Standard Company is by no means the monopoly it was in hard times gone by.

With the big task that is apparently before us, it is a fortunate thing we have a Republican Congress to raise the revenues for carrying it on.

Talk of war, so far from disturbing the peace of this country, has only had the effect of quieting party politics a little and giving the country a rest.

Between the grabs of the Southern Pacific and the sneaks of the Solid Eight it is never safe to take your eyes off home affairs even for a minute.

It is always worth a trip across the bay to see Oakland, and now that she has an exposition running the trip is one of the boss bargains of the season.

It is hard on the Senators that in order to pass the Venezuela commission bill promptly they had to pass such a splendid opportunity for big speeches.

While there will be no war, it is certain war has come near enough to make it imperative that we begin at once the work of putting our coast defenses into proper condition.

The Chicago Chronicle says: "Chicago in its entirety is practically unknown to the Chicagoans themselves," and it might have added, they needn't be ashamed of their ignorance.

The decision of Judge Pardee of the United States District Court that the sugar companies are constitutional will recall Comptroller Bowler to the public mind, but he won't seem as big as he did.

England will have to draw out of the European concert in Turkey or the row in Venezuela, for she isn't big enough to give two first-class performances at the same time on different sides of the world.

The Silver Advocate has issued a Christmas edition which, while not large as such editions go in these days, is still a notable contribution to the periodical literature of the season by reason of the excellent quality of the Christmas stories and poetry it contains.

The Selma Enterprise suggests that since California did not get the Republican National Convention it should have the Vice-Presidency, and perhaps if the idea was well pushed forward we might find candidates enough for the place to organize a convention of our own.

One effect of the war flurry will be to awaken a demand for an extensive increase of the navy and coast defenses with the result that Carlisle's policy of enforced economy under the Wilson tariff will hardly be supported even by Democrats. Tariff revision has become a necessity of the situation and should be made unanimous.

THE JAY TREATY.

The elaborate celebration in New York of the centennial of the ratification of the Jay Treaty with England, coming as it does at a time when we are involved in an exciting controversy with that country, is a matter of no little public interest. It recalls in an impressive way that while the relative importance of two nations has changed immensely the attitude of the one to the other remains virtually the same to-day as it was a hundred years ago.

It is significant of a weakness at the time the treaty was made that the advocates of it boasted with some pride that it gave us "commercial freedom." It was regarded as a stroke of sagacious and resolute diplomacy that Great Britain had been induced to consent to share the ocean with us, even though the treaty was far from giving us what we have since asserted as a matter of right without asking the consent of any power. It did not secure for us, for example, the abandonment by Great Britain of the presumptuous claim of a right to search American ships and take English sailors from them at the pleasure of the commanders of their warships. To win the full freedom of our shipping on the high seas we had to fight the war of 1812. We were too weak, however, to fight for even such a right in 1795, and as a consequence the Jay treaty was regarded by Washington and the Federalists as a deliverance from grave evils, and was accordingly ratified and hailed as a diplomatic triumph.

THE BICYCLE IN POLITICS.

It is somewhat startling to read that men who ride bicycles have suddenly developed into a political force of formidable proportions. It is declared that because Governor Budd refused to appoint a member of the League of American Wheelmen on the Board of Highway Commissioners he aroused a political antagonism that will be heard from when his pinnions are spread for higher flights.

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