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The flying squadron will be completed to-morrow with the arrival of the Minneapolis at Hampton Roads, and then the swiftest group of warships ever gathered in one command will be assembled under Commodore Schley's flag.

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AN AUTONOMIST PROTEST.

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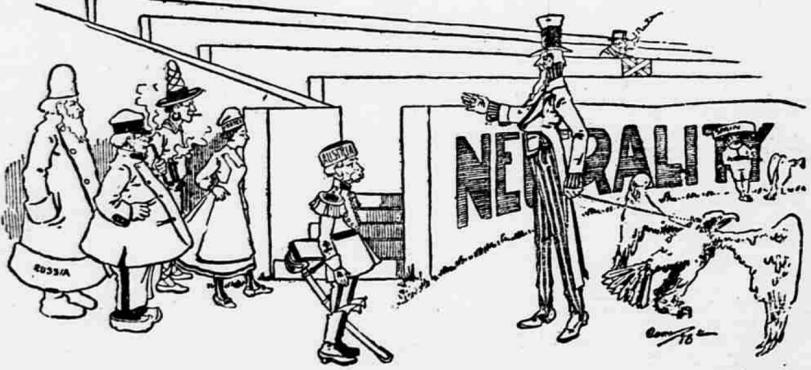
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