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hour two of Dewey's ships with their modern ordnance hammered the fortress of Cavite to pieces, while ten days' bombardment by the British sufficed only to make a hole. The contrast forms, as we have said, a splendid illustration of the advancement of the science of war, and convinces us more than ever that modern battles are a contest between machines rather than men.

When we are through with Spain she may be able to get along with a smaller cabinet. There will probably be no further use for a secretary of state for the colonies. Admiral Dewey has accumulated quite a wad of fame, but it is understood that he is not averse to increasing the quantity. Let that new Cadiz squadron move right over.

without a dissenting vote. They have been scared to death lest something would happen to prevent his nomination. When he was talking of going to war every public man in the city was shouting: "They want a chance to whack him at the polls."

Little Lonnie and his election commissioners had things their own way at the St. Louis primary the other day. Appointee Marshall, the administration candidate for the supreme court, gobbled up ninety-five of the delegates to the Springfield convention, while Leroy B. Vallant, who was backed by "Gumshoe Bill" Stone, landed but a measly five.

Carthage is pardonably proud of its husky contingent in the membership of Company A, Second regiment. Captain Whitsett writes home that not a single one of his boys failed to pass, and that the examining surgeon declared that among the 5,000 men he had seen him the Carthage company ranked first.

THE CUMBERLAND. At anchor in Hampton Roads we lay. On board of the Cumberland, sleep-of-war; And at times from the forecastle across the bay The alarm of drums swept past, Or a bugle blast From the camp on the shore.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—For Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Kansas: Generally fair; winds becoming northerly. For Missouri: Partly cloudy weather, with showers; south to west winds. For Nebraska: Fair weather; westerly winds.

THE LAST DAYS OF GLADSTONE. The greatness of William E. Gladstone has been most eloquently attested in the warm sympathy expressed by representative citizens and the public press of all nations during his long illness. The man who inspires both admiration and affection not only among his own people but also among those who have no national or race attachment, may be said to have fulfilled the highest possibilities of human destiny.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain is not a new convert to the doctrine of a British-American alliance. He formed an alliance of that sort himself years ago and found it a good thing. So far as known, Mr. Chamberlain is also well contented.

James Burton, the lawyer of Fort Scott, had arranged to go to Manila with the Kansas troops in the capacity of a musician, conditional, however, upon his appointment as special correspondent for a Kansas City paper. The paper was to notify him by wire at Fort Scott, but the time Burton was never heard of.

Why, pointedly inquires a North Missouri paper, "do you see the social jingoes who have 'cussed' the administration, to these many days, offer their services to their country? Organize a local company with Mr. Want-to-Fight as captain, Mr. Previous as first lieutenant, and Mr. Damn-the-Administration as second lieutenant, and so on through the list."

The Trans-Siberian Railway. Clarence Cary in May Forum. Naturally with assistance of monotonous Asiatic geography will, before long, be speedily traversed in comparative comfort, if undertaken in the typical corridor car of the first class, commonly met with on the Russian coast.

SLEEP-FAIRLY. "Hello, my precious," sing little brown Mary "Baby is sleepy, and Mary is too; So shut the white eyelids and hark to Sleep-Fairy; She'll sing a lullaby o'er your head and you'll Hear her sweet mantle as she lurches her strings; All the wide world when Sleep-Fairy passes, And all the birds listen when Sleep-Fairy sings."

HOW THE ENGLISH TOOK MANILA. In expressing to the government his objections to going to the Philippines with no other soldiers than the volunteers, General Wesley Merritt was careful to refrain from saying anything that would cast doubt upon the courage of the new army. His reason for wanting regulars was based on the fact that the regulars know how to shoot, while for the greater part the volunteers know nothing at all about marksmanship.

The remarkable presence that governed the young man in laying the foundations of his career and that marked his conduct in mature life likewise informed him when his labors were over. His retirement was as modest and methodical as if he had simply been observing the technical conclusion of an official tenure. A study of Gladstone's life will impress the fact that he was inspired by the consciousness of a mission and not by the love of acclaim.

At last Percy Daniels has an organ. He has purchased the Girard News. There is one man in Kansas who wishes that war music would subside and give him a chance to fiddle a little in public. We refer to Rosin-the-Bow McNeill.

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OF CURRENT INTEREST. This is an expensive and complicated age of the world's history. Speaking at the annual dinner of the American Institute at London the other day, Sir W. White, the English director general of naval construction, said that the modern machines called ships had to meet the same forces of wind and waves as the old wooden walls, and were fully capable of doing it; but their management demanded far more skill and nerve than were required in the commanders of the past.

Within the past thirty years there has been a great revolution in the science of warfare, and in no direction is it more marked than in the increased effectiveness of the infantry. The guns of the present are capable of accurate shooting at ranges which formerly were regarded as impossible, and the victory of the battles of the future must be with the force having the best controlled and most accurate fire-arms. The trained infantryman of to-day can plant bullet after bullet in a target the size of a man at a distance of 1,000 yards, and he can plant bullet after bullet in a target the size of an advancing company of men at a distance of more than a mile. It is no longer regarded as sufficient that the piece should be pointed in the direction of the enemy and fired in haphazard fashion. Each soldier is expected to single out his target and shoot at it with the same precision that he would exercise on the practice range, and to acquire the proficiency demanded he must drill long and often.

It is a touching provision of Providence that Mrs. Gladstone, upon whose tender and watchful ministrations he was so dependent in all purely personal affairs, should be spared to comfort his last days. His period of illness would have been desolate indeed without her care, and while the bereavement of this excellent woman is most touching, those who have observed her traits of character know that she will regard it as a kindness of Fate that she was permitted to attend her illustrious husband to the end.

There is one man in Kansas who wishes that war music would subside and give him a chance to fiddle a little in public. We refer to Rosin-the-Bow McNeill. Kansas won't accept a sentiment unless it has some thing to back it up. As, for example, in the case of that Smith county high school girl who graduated with the essay: "Hitch Your Wagon to a Star, but Have the Ends in It."

Before leaving Wichita, Colonel Tom Fitch made a vow not to touch liquor while the war lasted, and to Bill Morgan this should have been a lucky democrat. He is willing to sacrifice for his country. The Populist convention in Kiowa county adopted resolutions which, with two exceptions, endorsed everything on the earth below and in the heavens above, even saying a kind word for President McKinley's Cuban policy. One of the exceptions was the war bonds, and the other was the over-whelming defeat which is bound to overtake the Populist party this fall.

Mr. President, I have but a few words to say. It is not a time for long words, and I am sure that a few months ago seemed the wild imaginings of sensational journalists have been brought home to this chamber by some of its ablest members. I care not who may be nominated in this district in such a contest. I care not who will be elected. I care not who will be elected. I care not who will be elected. I care not who will be elected.

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That such proficiency cannot be possessed by raw troops is very obvious. It is not improbable that more than one-half of the 125,000 volunteers enlisted under the president's call never have fired a gun. It is not unlikely that a majority of them if it were once thrown into action would shut their eyes when they pulled a trigger. It would be madness to give battle with such troops before a well drilled and seasoned enemy, for they would become ready victims to a frightful slaughter without being able to inflict much damage in return. It is not a question of courage or endurance, but of skill and experience, a skill and experience which must obtain alike with the infantry, with the cavalry, and with the men behind the heavy guns.

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