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In the hands of men truly great, the pen is mightier than the sword.

It is comforting to know that Hayti and San Domingo have resolved upon maintaining a neutral attitude.

For a few days the focus upon which the eyes of the world will be riveted will be the capitol and not the White House.

Some of the ministers of the gospel seem to have found it hard to make their Easter sermons correspond to the text.

It will be noted that the merchants who are getting the spring trade are the merchants who patronize the advertising columns of The Bee.

And to think Bryan would not even take time to look at the brass band advertising charity train, and that when he was within a few blocks of it.

One novel excuse offered by the fusionists for their defeat in the recent city elections in Tacoma and Seattle is that nearly all of the staunchest "friends of silver" have gone to Alaska in search of gold.

Is it possible that Governor Holcomb proposes to run away from those mandamus proceedings? What is there in the impeachment charges against his police commissioners that he is so afraid of?

Before the season is over the popcorns will be charging that the railroad companies in making such large additions to their equipment are simply engaged in a conspiracy to make it appear there is prosperity when there is none.

In the meanwhile the city is paying 7 per cent interest on obligations that were to have been discharged with the proceeds of the funding bonds.

Governor Holcomb's bogus reform police commissioners have held several meetings since their congressional with the governor's substitute, but they have not yet taken a single step looking toward revoking the licenses of the resorts where open gambling was carried on.

If the telegraph and electric light companies cannot be induced to put their wires under ground and remove their unsightly poles, they ought at least to make them less unsightly by the application of a fresh coat of paint.

The story about news having been received from Explorer Andree is rightly regarded as a fake. The probability is all against Andree having ever reached the North Pole and being alive now.

Under the new charter the council has the authority to order the pavement of any street within 3,000 feet of the court house square without waiting for the abutting property owners to ask for the improvement.

Lumber is one of the most important of American exports. The steamships doing business at the Gulf ports nearly all carry lumber from the southern forests and the Pacific coast steamships take from the northwestern ports great quantities of lumber destined generally for South American cities.

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President McKinley's policy, as presented in his message to congress, appeals to the enlightened, conservative and sober judgment of the nation. It will not satisfy those who want war, but it will be approved by all who hope that the pacification of Cuba and the independence of the Cuban people may be attained through peaceful means.

The president graphically describes the conditions in Cuba and says of the war there that if allowed to go on it will finally end only through the exhaustion of one or both of the parties to it. This he thinks cannot be contemplated with equanimity by the civilized world and least of all by the United States.

He therefore feels it to be a duty to bring about an immediate termination of the war. This, in the opinion of the president, is not to be accomplished by a recognition of Cuban independence. He still holds in regard to this the views expressed in his annual message of last December.

Undoubtedly if war comes Spain will do all she can to injure American commerce and she will have no difficulty in finding means to do this. She is already assured of getting any number of privateersmen, which she would simply have to equip and send out under the Spanish flag to prey on American commerce wherever it should be found on the seas.

President McKinley declares that forcible intervention to stop the war is justifiable on national grounds and he states these grounds with clearness and force. The destruction of the Maine is cited as impressive proof that the state of affairs in Cuba is intolerable and perhaps nothing said by the president will have greater effect upon public opinion, here and abroad, than this.

What response congress will make to this request is uncertain, but suspense as to this will not be prolonged. It is to be hoped that the matter will not cause an issue between the executive and congress, because unity at this time is of the first importance. We must stand before the world a united people as to whatever policy the deliberate judgment of those in authority shall decide to adopt.

THE MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEM. The exposition management has wrestled with many perplexing problems and has successfully solved nearly all of them.

Preparations are being made for the celebration July 13 next of the 300th anniversary of the founding of San Gabriel. It can be made an interesting historical celebration and in nothing more interesting than as a showing of the inefficiency of the Spanish colonization methods compared with those of other pioneers who were attracted to the new world.

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YELLOW KIDS IN CONGRESS.

Philadelphia Times: Instead of abusing the president this is a time the nation should proudly hold up its head. New York Mail and Express: The congress has repeatedly demonstrated its unity during the trying days of the last six weeks, and that one man should have forgotten fairness and truth and plunged into ribald falsehood only brands him as a despicable exception to the rule.

Washington Post: It is to the shame of the American congress that such a debate as was injected into its proceedings on Thursday formed a part of the history of the nation's crisis. A standing sponsor in the house for sensational and irresponsible rumors affecting the loyalty and integrity of the president of the United States, the Post does not believe that Mr. Lutz of Ohio spoke for his democratic colleagues or for the democracy of the country.

Washington Star: How stands the American citizen in comparison with Senator Lome who follows the Spaniard in his impeachment of the president at this critical time in the country's history? What shall be said of him who brings charges of a grave personal nature against the president of the United States founded solely upon the most flagrantly irresponsible utterances of a man who is not only a member of the United States but also an enemy of the United States as up to which the enemies of the United States abroad may feel? Who will be the first to snap it up but the Spaniards themselves and who bring charges of a grave personal nature against the president of the United States, but for a similar offense, had to pack his traps and leave?

Washington Star: "I am told that she is descended from kings." Detroit Journal: "I am told that she is descended from kings." Chicago Tribune: "What's the latest about the war?" Cleveland Plain Dealer: "What a long, thin head Jimson has! Hasn't he? Looks as if he had been under a burrow for a collar button."

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