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**SPAIN BACKS DOWN.**

The situation in Cuba has radically changed within two weeks. Spain has backed down, but she has not backed out. She has suspended hostilities in Cuba. She does not what she has defiantly refused to do, for two years. She does not ask the Cubans to suspend hostilities as well. They may do as they please. She does not ask the United States to intervene. She simply stops firing, while she refuses to concede the independence of Cuba.

Only the strongest possible motive could influence this sudden action. One need not look far to find it. The declaration of the suspension of hostilities is said by the Spaniards to be at the request of the Pope. But behind the Pope are the Rothschilds and bankers, and friendly sovereigns. The Pope is named because he has influence with the Spanish people. He is, therefore, brought to the front. The bankers tell Spain that war brings her only and absolutely a loss of Cuba, and the loss of security for the payment of the \$400,000,000 Cuban debt. If the Spanish people make trouble, the Pope and the Powers must take care of it. This is a move, on behalf of Spain, that prevents war at present, unless Congress declares it. It looks also as if it were the preliminary move in the act of finally parting with Cuba. How that will be brought about is another question. As Spain has backed down, she may, for the same reason, back out. The quiet, but compelling force which makes her suspend hostilities, will make her finally grant independence. This move of Spain's, on the political chess board, is a skillful one, even if it is forced against her will.

**THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.**

The President does not favor the acknowledgment of the independence of Cuba. He says it will do no good, and embarrass the United States. If independence is acknowledged, he must recognize the Cuban Government, and if he does he says there is no telling what that Government may do.

Therefore he simply asks Congress to authorize him to intervene, with power to use the navy and army, and stop the war in Cuba. If Spain resists, he will fight her. His first point is to stop the war, preventing further cruelties and feed the suffering. He is justified in doing this on ample ground. If he stops the war, then he demands that Spain shall make such terms with Cuba, as will prevent any further trouble. He "sits down" on both sides until terms are made, which he can accept. And he will accept nothing but the final independence of Cuba. He does not say so, but it is quite clear that he sees no other solution of the difficulty.

Congress, however, takes a different view of the case, so far. It desires an acknowledgment of independence first, and an immediate intervention to establish it. The people are aroused, and are impatient. They want something to be done. Congress reflects this sentiment.

But the indications, are, so far as the latest dispatches throw any light on the subject, that the President's policy will prevail, because it is the moderate policy. Naturally the jingoes are mad with the President, because he does not "thirst for gore." Congress may override him, but the chances are that his policy of stopping the war in Cuba at once and making the independence of Cuba a secondary matter at present, will prevail. Congress will see that it is another and better way to settle the difficulty.

Unless Congress over-rides the President's policy, the acute stage of the difficulty is now past, and the probabilities of war rapidly decrease. Spain has backed down, and that is significant. The bankers of Europe do not propose to let Spain foolishly destroy the value of \$400,000,000 of Cuban bonds which they hold. That means war at the expense of the bond holders. They evidently do not believe there is much fun in it.

**RAILWAYS AND TEMPERANCE.**

One of the strongest, if not the strongest forces, in aid of the temperance cause is the healthy industrial development. The temperance cranks have failed to see that the chief cause of intemperance is, aside from inherited disease, the unfavorable social and industrial conditions. Put a man into a place infested with cholera germs, and he is liable to take cholera. Put a man into social or industrial conditions where his mind is worried, his hope of betterment destroyed, his ambition taken out of him by low or uncertain wages, and you have at once the home of the alcohol bacilli.

Now come some of the railway com-

panies who are practical reformers. They give their employes good places, remove all cause of apprehension, and then say to them: "You cannot drink, because as a purely business matter we cannot trust you to take care of our interests." The Pennsylvania Railway company employs about 30,000 men. These men are not only temperate, but are teetotalers, under business engagements to be so. The cause of temperance is rapidly advancing, not on the lines of morals or sentiment, but simply as a business matter. In this is its strength. The cause of intemperance is due, in the largest measure to unfortunate social and industrial conditions. Poverty, and sickness, and discouragement make the drunkards, as a rule. The removal of these causes is the best blue ribbon movement. Alter conditions, so that men, women and children are made "comfortable" and the saloon goes. Until that is done, the saloon will exist, and it will exist under God's Providence too.

Blanch K. Bruce, once United States Senator from Mississippi, and for some years registrar of the treasury in Washington, recently died in that city. He was not a pure negro. Whatever talent he derived from the white blood in him, it is certain that he took some strong and valuable points from his negro ancestry. He called himself a negro, and in his intercourse with the whites, in public life, seemed to unconsciously recognize the superior race. It is said, and we believe the story has never been in print, that while Senator, the wife of his old master came to the Senate chamber, and told him of her poverty and distress, and asked his aid in getting some situation in one of the departments. He at once called two carriages. In one he placed his former mistress, and he directed the driver to take her to the treasury department. He entered the other carriage and followed her. He would not disturb the race prejudices of even his broken down former owner, by offering to ride in the same carriage with her. He secured a situation for her at once. He even refused to sit in her presence, while asking for the place.

**Bounty on Mongoose.**

By the Legislature of 1892, there was passed an act setting aside the sum of \$1,000 to be expended in the direction of exterminating mongoose on the Island of Oahu. It was provided that a bounty of not more than 25 cents should be paid for each mongoose killed and the expenditure of the fund should be under the supervision of the Minister of the Interior, that official to fix all necessary regulations. The queer part of the whole agitation and transaction is that while the act reserving the \$1,000 for mongoose destruction on this Island was readily passed, there was failure to include the money item in the appropriation bill. It has been suggested that the present assembly might, if the members thought it advisable, set the mongoose killing act into operation by reviving it to the extent of providing money.

**HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AT AUCTION.**

ON THURSDAY, APRIL 21, AT 10 O'CLOCK A. M.

At the residence of H. H. Williams, Esq., No. 318 King street, near Alakea street, I will sell at public auction Household Furniture, comprising:

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**IN CUBA.**

**Difference Between Armistice and "Suspension."**

In speaking yesterday of the situation in Cuba or with relation to Cuba and Spain, a member of the Hawaiian Cabinet said:

"The dispatches and a good many of the people both in this country and abroad interchange quite erroneously the terms 'armistice' and 'suspension of hostilities.' The two differ vastly. An armistice is a rest by agreement of the two or more parties to a conflict. No agreement has been entered into between Spain and the Cubans and the Cubans have declared they will listen to no overtures from the mother country. The dispatches say that Spain, by the Queen Regent, and upon the advice of the Pope, has proclaimed a 'suspension of hostilities.' If this is correct it seems more than likely that the Cuban forces are still actively in the field and if that is the case the Spanish forces are naturally at least on the defensive. It is not at all unsafe to assume, if our advice are to be depended upon, that war is proceeding as usual in Cuba. If that is the case, additional strength and significance are given to the message of President McKinley to Congress."

It was understood yesterday that there would not be sufficient business for a meeting of the Board of Health today.

There will be a regular convention on this evening of Mystic Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias. Work in the third rank.

Colonel Cornwell was interviewed many times yesterday on the von Schmidt expedition to the Yukon.

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**TIMELY TOPICS**

April 15, 1898.

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The goods we wish to "talk shop" about this week are the many styles of plows and breakers we handle. There is no need of any lengthy talk on these goods; they have been on the market sufficiently long to speak for themselves.

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The mould board and point are made of the best chilled steel.

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For light cane cultivation, 5 inch to 13 inch cut.

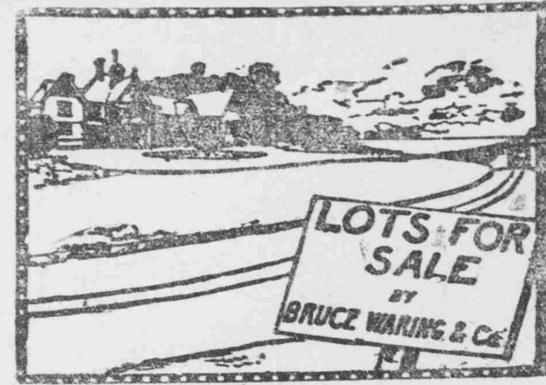
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Brown Cotton, 36 inches wide, 25 yds. for \$1.00.  
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The balance of the goods having arrived on the Zealandia they will be offered at the following Prices:

Prints, New Pattern, 20 yds. for \$1.00.  
Print Organdies, New patterns, 10c. yd.  
Printed Dimities, New Patterns, 15 yds. for \$1.00.  
White Dimities, 20 yds. for \$1.00.  
Victoria Lawns, 10 yds. in a piece, 50c.  
TABLE LINEN.—Unbleached Damask, 25c. a yd.

**Additional Bargains!**

Bleached Damask, 50c. a yd.  
Bleached Napkins, large, \$1 doz.  
SHEETINGS.—Brown Sheetting 10-4, 18c. per yd.; Bleached 10-4, 20c.  
Brown Sheetting 9-4, 16c. per yd.; Bleached 9-4, 18c.  
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