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SENATORIAL SET SPEECHES.

In the closing stages of the discussion in reference to the Hawaiian annexation resolution, Senator Pettigrew made a speech in opposition which occupied nearly fourteen pages in the Congressional. In view of the fact that the entire matter had been thrashed over time and again in the many months it had been discussed it seems that the esteemed Senator wasted lots of effort and breath in an utterly futile and unnecessary piece of labor. It is a matter of doubt whether the set speeches of the Senate and House are productive of much good. Under the American system of government most of the legislative work is accomplished in committee and the national legislators have commenced to depend on the committees to such an extent that it is not at all likely that an average of one vote is influenced by all the discussion and wrangling that takes place in the average congressional debate. It is only when a speech is made on the spur of the moment that it is accorded any more than a passing notice. In fact, if one may believe the reports of perfectly reputable newspapers, nearly all the Senators make it a point to absent themselves when notice is given in advance that some gentleman will make a set speech. Of course, there are exceptions to this rule. There are members of the Senate who would be accorded a respectful and attentive hearing anywhere and on almost any subject, but they are few and far between.

If it were possible to get a compromise between the unseemly hurry of the House and the snail like deliberation of the Senate, Uncle Sam would have a practically perfect legislative assembly, and if the set speech nuisance could be abolished the Senate would be such a body.

It is difficult to understand how an official investigation into the terrible calamity that overtook the French steamer La Bourgogne can accomplish any great good. The principal cause of the accident seems to have been the fact that the vessel was a hundred miles off its proper course. This, of course, was not sufficient to account for the collision, but taken in connection with the other fact that she was rushing along at the rate of fifteen knots an hour in an impenetrable fog it is not hard to understand the disaster. The cowardice and panic of the crew and passengers were simply incidents that followed the main event. The lesson of the disaster points to the necessity for regulations which will prevent steamship commanders from sacrificing safety for speed.

We fear that our esteemed Norfolk contemporaries are giving themselves a good deal of unnecessary worry over the condition of the channel leading to Newport News. Up to date no ship has ever failed to get to this city on account of shallow water. Nor has it been necessary to ask the government for $300,000 in order to deepen the channel so that river steamers may come here without danger.

If one may judge from the number of supplies being loaded on the transports here General Miles has contracted the excellent habit of looking out for the commissary department of his army.

YELLOW WORK.
(Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.)

If the cheerful, lying correspondents who have been endeavoring to foment trouble between Sampson and Schley will now kindly join Spain's "peace ring" and fall off Santiago, the people of this nation will gladly consider the incident closed.

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NONE WOULD HAVE SHARED IT.
(Brooklyn Eagle.)

If Commodore Schley had failed to destroy the Spanish ships no one would have been found rushing out to share the responsibility with him for the defeat.

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CAN'T MISS A DEGREE.
(Baltimore News.)

Commodore Schley has shown his ability to dodge Spanish shells, but despite his agility he will find it hard to get out of the way of a college degree.

THE FACT STANDS OUT.
(Chicago Daily News.)

Whether it was Sampson or Schley the fleet is destroyed, and that is what it came over here for.

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Mr. M. D. Burcher,
Sir: You are respectfully notified that a nuisance exists on the premises, lot No. 27, block 259, Lafayette avenue, occupied by you, viz.: Stagnant water on lot; needs filling in. You are requested to abate the nuisance within ten days.
Very respectfully,
R. H. HARRIS,
Sanitary Inspector.
Sam'l W. Hobson, M. D., Health Officer.
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