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FRIENDLY OPINIONS.

After all, the Briton, standing on his native soil, is a better friend to the United States of America than the white-livered anglomaniac of American birth.

The un-American American is the most despicable of God's creatures; if, indeed, copperheads and moral invertebrates be among God's creatures.

Hence the opinions of the ship-builders and torpedo boat makers have value. In the opinion of these competent and certainly unprejudiced judges our navy, ship for ship, is as good as any afloat, that of Britain not excepted.

It is pleasant to hear such encouraging words from men whose fathers have fought on land and sea against our fathers, but who themselves are our friends.

Russia is benefiting by the gold standard. According to the official statement of M. de Witte, the minister of finance, the gold coin in circulation has increased from 37,000,000 roubles in 1896 to 155,000,000 at the close of last year.

The annual expenses for the current fiscal year are estimated at \$441,000,000. This state of things calls for prudent, sound financial management in order to maintain

our credit at home and abroad. There is no place, for the partial revival of "fiatism" or for any experiments of that kind.

A PATRIOTIC CONGRESS.

There will be no war with Cuba. The action of congress in appropriating \$50,000,000 as an emergency fund in case of war is a notice to Spain what she may expect in case the United States is provoked to hostilities.

The proceedings in the house during the brief discussion were in every way creditable to the American people and their representatives in congress.

This occasion marked a grand reunion between the North and South. The opportunity had never before come in such a way that the Southern members as one man could show that the stars and stripes are as dear to them as they are to the men of the North.

The country has reason to congratulate itself over what has just occurred, and the pessimists who have been preaching the decadence of American patriotism have received a serious set back.

Spain will pay strict heed to what has occurred in congress, and now that the temper of the American people has been made apparent, the country across the sea would do well to reflect before resisting what will be the just demands of the American government regarding the sunken Maine.

While Russia strengthens her hold on Manchuria, and is even reported to have sent an army of ten thousand men into the province, and while she refuses to give any positive guaranty that she will not hold Port Arthur permanently, France has intimated to the British government that she has not the least intention of following the example of Russia and Germany by occupying Hainan as a naval base.

Baily of Texas uttered a good thing in the debate on the appropriation resolution when he said: "I hope wise counsels will prevail, and that if war shall come, it will come from a great and sufficient cause. I have no sympathy with those rash

and intemperate spirits who would provoke war simply for the sake of fighting, and yet I would rather follow them and suffer all the miseries and misfortunes their heedlessness would bring, than to follow those other contemptible, mercenary creatures, who are crying out for 'peace at any price.'

THE ACTION OF THE SENATE.

The United States senate has followed the example set by the house of representatives and passed the \$50,000,000 appropriation without a dissenting voice, and the president having immediately affixed his signature, the bill has now become a law.

It is yet too soon to say that the war cloud hovering over this country and Spain has entirely blown away. The report of the commission investigating the Maine explosion has not been made public and Spain has not had an opportunity to indicate what she will do in case the United States puts in a claim for heavy damages on account of the Maine's destruction.

If the senate would, on other important matters, act with the same celerity and good judgment with which it has moved in this, the American people would regard it with far greater esteem than they do at present.

The news from West Africa stating that two bodies of French soldiers were marching on Sokoto, the capital of the Sultan of all that territory, proves to be a false report. It gave considerable alarm for the moment to the English people, as it seemed to indicate that France was determined not to recognize even its own treaty obligations with England, because the Sultan's territory is wholly within the English sphere of influence, lying, as it does, to the east of the Niger river and to the south of the boundary line extending from Lake Tchad to Say on the Niger, which delimits French and English territory.

The time is ripe for recognizing the belligerency of Cuba. Spain is confessedly unable to prevent a state of war on the Islands, but on the contrary has been made to take repeated defeat from the Cuban insurgents. The Cuban cause is in far better condition than it was a year ago, and it is hardly a matter of doubt but that eventually the insurgent's will triumph even if other countries do not assist.

feited all claims to consideration from this nation. Our flag has been insulted, our president maligned and battleship destroyed: hundreds of brave American lives have been sacrificed, without a doubt, through Spanish treachery.

NEWS NOTES.

Wednesday. This morning's bulletin states that all the American correspondents of newspapers will be expelled from Cuba today.

For a time everyone wondered where Spain got the necessary money to purchase ships and make other preparations for war. It has at last leaked out that France is furnishing the same.

It now looks that not only would Cuba be looked upon as a seat of war, but the world's peace seems to be in danger, as China and West Africa may soon be involved in war.

Reports received this morning state that both the United States and Spain feel that they are not fully prepared for war, and are sparing for time.

The Russian demands upon China have caused the greatest excitement at the Japanese legation, and the Japanese minister has had several interviews with officials of the Chinese foreign office, urging the rejection of the Russian demands.

Thursday. A late report from Dyea states that five lives were lost in a burning hotel at that place.

The course of the United States in the Cuban matter has the approval of all foreign countries except Germany and Austria.

Prince Albert of Belgium arrived at New York Tuesday on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse.

A Shanghai dispatch received at London says that Russia has agreed to open Port Arthur and Talien Wan to foreign trade, but under Russian laws and administration.

Advices from the Orient, brought to Vancouver, B. C., by the steamship Empress of India, tell of the almost complete destruction of Manila, Philippine islands, by fire.

The British naval estimates were issued last night. They increase the expenditures by £1,440,000 (\$7,202,000); increase the personnel of the navy by 6340 men, and provide for the building of three new battleships, four armored cruisers and four sloops-of-war.

GENTLE COURTESY.

An English Society Woman Who Had a Big Heart.

Lady Camilla Gurdon, in her memories of Suffolk, tells a story of a society woman who was sweet-natured and generous enough to give the poor of her very best.

One night, we went together to a party, my pretty Gertrude dressed in every color of the rainbow, with diamonds sparkling on her wavy hair and shining about her soft, round throat.

As usual, there was a crowd of people waiting to enter the house. A poor woman, just behind us, was vainly endeavoring to lift her child, a little cripple, so that he might see the princess; but each time that she pressed forward, a policeman pushed her back.

Gertrude turned quickly. "Give me your little boy," she said, and she took the astonished child in her arms. "I will hold him up. He can have a much better view here."

With a queenly gesture, she waved aside the bewildered policeman. The little cripple put his tiny, wasted arms trustfully about her neck, and leaned eagerly forward to see all that was to be seen; and when the sight was over, and Gertrude gently disentangled herself from his poor little hands, to give him back to his mother, the child put his pale lips to her rosy cheek and kissed her.

His mother broke into a torrent of thanks and apologies, while Gertrude, gathering up her brilliant train, passed into the house.—Youth's Companion.

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