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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 degenerate American who apes British airs can see no good thing in America; to him American politics is rotten, American goods worthless, American art crude, American life vulgar. Even the distant sound of "trumpets blown for wars," in which his country may be called to take part, does not inspire him with patriotic feeling. review, and he sneers at our navy as noes-none. a feeble thing.

The un-American American is the most despicable of God's creatures; if, indeed, copperheads and moral invertebrates be among God's creatures. The Briton who is interested in his own country is, perforce, in terested in all countries, for the British empire is nothing if not colonial and diffusive. He is interested in the United States because this re public borders on Canada. He is interested in France and Germany because their possessions border on British possessions in Africa. He is intesested in Russia because Russia is his neighbor and rival in Asia. He cannot afford to underrate the navy of any of these powers because at any moment he may be called upon to contend with it. He is a cool, and, on the whole, an impartial judge of the values of the armed forces of the world.

Hence the cpinions of the shipbuilders and torpedo boat makers North. have value. In the opinion of these competent and certainly unprejudiced mmong the greatest of British ship- a serious set back. builders, expresses a doubt as to whether Great Britain has a warship has occurred in congress, and now of the same cruiser class equal to our that the temper of the American peo-Columbia. Both Mr. Allan and Mr. ple has been made apparent, the Tweddle bear testimony to the admirable character of our seamen, and to reflect before resisting what will Mr. Allan speaks of them as men able to make short work of an equal number of Spaniards in a naval en- Maine. engagement. And Mr. Allan says: "I am ready to lay a wager that the United States will have every town on the Spanish coast blown to atoms a month after the commencement of hostilities."

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. In these days, when every crawling copperhead hisses "Jingo!" as soon as a spirited word is spoken by an American, it is comcritical, though friendly, nation has confidence in our ability and admiration of our courage to defend our rights and our honor.-Inter-Ocean.

Russia is benefiting by the gold standard. According to the official China. The Chinese government has set all these aside. France is exstatement of M. de Witte, the minis- issued an imperial decree authorizing tremely anxious to have a water ter of finance, the gold coin in cir- a Chinese syndicate, backed by way, or the right of a water way, to culation has increased from 37,000,-000 roubles in 1896 to 155,000,000 railroad from Tientsin through the England will not surrender her conat the close of last year. Meantime Shantung province to Chin-kiang, trol over the Niger. But English the paper currency has been reduced The German minister intervened, control means the utmost freedom of to the extent of 122,000,000 roubles. claiming that only Germany had the navigation, while French control The Russian circulation is now com- right to construct any railroad in implies restriction. posed of-gold, 1,470,000,000; sil- Shantung. Russia seems determined ver, 162,000,000, and paper 999,000,- to secure the control of the Chinese 000 roubles. It follows that Russia army, as Great Britain has of the has now 47 per cent more gold than customs. She insists that her mili- confessedly unable to prevent a state paper. Russia has pursued the pol- tary officers attached to the Chinese of war on the Islands, but on the icy recommended here by Secretary army shall have unreserved power contrary has been made to take re-Gage, and, as the result, her finan- over it. It is not strange that it is peated defeat from the Cuban insurcial position is strong and sound. reported that China hesitates to gents. The Cuban cause is in far him back to his mother, the child put No wonder that Minister de Witte grant the demand. "expresses great pride in the results of the adoption of the gold standard."

sheer folly to add to them the fur-

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 scene in the house of

replete with expressions of patriot | he deserves it. ism, and at the same time free from melted away and Populists vied with and Spain has entirely blown away. Democrats in rushing to the support The report of the commision investinity was eagerly seized by representatives from the South to pledge their allegiance to the old flag and to reasseverate that the issues of the great civil war were forgotten and tion, but the action of the American forgiven.

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 strips are as dear to them as they are to the men of the

The country has reason to congratulate itself over what has just judges our navy, ship for ship, is as occurred, and the pessimists who good as any affoat, that of Britain not have been preaching the decadence excepted. Indeed, Mr. Allan, one of American patriotism have received

Spain will pay strict heed to what country across the sea would do well be the just demands of the American government regarding the sunken

While Russia strengthens her hold 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

The annual expenses for the cur- ation resolution when he said: "I countries do not assist. The sym- thanks and apologies, while Gertrude, rent fiscal year are estimated at hope wise counsels will prevail, and pathy of every civilized country is \$441,000,000. This state of things that if war shall come, it will come with the Cuhans; though this feeling panion. calls for prudent, sound financial from a great and sufficient cause. I may not be officially expressed, it management in order to maintain have no sympathy with those rash exists nevertheless. Spain has for-

There is no place for the partial re- provoke war simply for the sake of from this nation. Our flag has been vival of "fiatism" or for any experi- fighting, and yet I would rather fol- insulted, our president maligned and ments of that kind. The public low them and suffer all the miseries battleship destroyed: hundreds of burdens of the general government and misfortunes their heedlessness brave American lives have been sacare heavy enough. It would be would bring, than to follow those rificed, without a doubt, through other contemptible, mercenary crea- Spanish treachery. War with Spain ther issue of paper currency .- Sound tures, who are crying out for 'peace is not likely to happen, but this govadopt the motto our fathers in the thing if it declares to Spain that we elder and better days of this republic, will humor her no longer, but extend and let us say to all the world, now, to Cuba the consideration which is as then: 'We are ready to spend hers by right. millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute."

THE ACTION OF THE SENATE.

The United States senate has folrepresentatives Tuesday, when this lowed the example set by the house monster appropriation was ordered, is of representatives and passed the probably without a parallel in the \$50,000,000 appropriation without a history of congress. Every member dissenting voice, and the president present voted for the resolution; not having immediately affixed his signaa voice was raised against it. Mem. ture, the bill has now become a law. bers who had been paired with ab. Seldom, if ever, in the history of sentees took the responsibility of any country has such unanimity of breaking their pairs in order to go action been shown in the face of so on record as voting for the appropri- grave a crisis, and the result shows He derides our army as it passes in ation. The vote stood 311 ayes; how great is the confidence felt by all classes and parties in the character, The proceedings in the house dur- judgment and patriotism of the presiing the brief discussion were in every dent. Few men have received such way creditable to the American peo. a declaration of confidence as Presiple and their representatives in con. dent McKinley has received, and gress. The brief speeches made were there are none to gainsay but that time.

It is yet too soon to say that the inflammatory design. Party lines war cloud hovering over this country of the president when the national gating the Maine explosion has not honor was assailed. The opportu- 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 beavy damages on account of the Maine's destruccongress is the best argument for peace with which the Spaniards could be addressed.

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 sol diers were marching on Sokoto, the capital of the Sultan of all that territory, proves to be a talse report. It gave considerable alarm for the moment to the Engish people, as it penditures by £1,440,000 (\$7,202,000); seemed to indicate that France was increase the personnel of the navy by determined not to recognize even its 6340 men, and provide for the building own treaty obligations with England, of three new battleships, four armored 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 on Manchuria, and is even reported from Lake Tchad to Say on the to have sent an army of ten thousand Niger, which delimits French and men into the province, and while she | English territory. With the passing refuses to give any positive guaranty away of the fright which this report that she will not hold Port Arthur occasioned came the assurance that the International Commission at Paris would arrive sooner or later at a perfectly just decision. The whole difficulty lies to the west of the Niger. The attitude of the French has been naval base. At least so Mr. Curzon, that treaties with the natives are not of the foreign office, has informed- to be regarded as conclusive, but fortable to know that a foreign and parliament. Perhaps this assurance that effective occupation ought to will not command perfect confidence, settle the right to permanent possesas the failure of France to keep her sion. England has produced treaties promises as to Madagascar is fre- with native kings dating back to a quently recalled in parliament. Much period before French visitations. It more serious to us is the interference is hardly to be supposed that the Inof Germany with American rights in ternational Commission at Paris wifl American financiers, to construct a the sea. It is quite certain that

> The time is ripe for recognizing the belligerency of Cuba. Spain is better condition than it was a year his pale lips to her rosy cheek and kissed ago, and it is hardly a matter of her. Baily of Texas uttered a good doubt but that eventually the in thing in the debate on the appropri- surgents will triumph even if other

our credit at home and abroad, and intemperate spirits who would feited all claims to consideration st any price.' Let us, in this way, ernment will be but doing the decent

NEWS NOTES.

This morning's bulletin states that all the American correspondents of newspapers will be expelled from Cuba to-

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. The money markets of the world are affected in con-

Reports received this morning state that both the United States and Spain feel that they are not fully prepared for war, and are sparring for time. There is no doubt, as soon as the government is ready, war will begin without loss of

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. In addition, it is reported that Japan has threatened to take vigorous action if the demands of Russia are

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

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

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 Manilla, Phillipine islands, by fire. Five million dollars' worth of property was destroyed.

The British naval estimates were issued last night. They increase the excruisers 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. She used to visit the large, dreary workhouse in the manufacturing town near her country home. For this, she dressed herself carefully in her best clothes, and wore all her brightest jewels. "For," said Gertrude, simply, "poor people care much more to see one in one's best things than rich people do. I wonder why every-body generally puts on common, dull old clothes to visit cottages!"

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 threat. As we alighted from our carriage, the prince and princess of Wales happened to arrive, and we stood aside on the steps to let them pass.

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. The child broke into a wail:

"Oh, I can't see her! I can't see her! You promised I should see her, mam-

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, self from his poor little hands, to give

"Pretty lady! pretty lady!" he said, admiringly.

His mother broke into a torrent of

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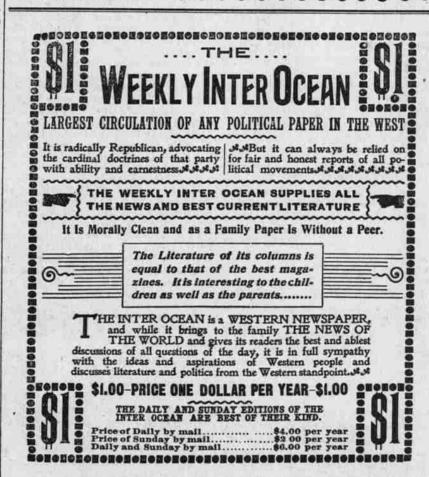
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