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LIBERTY'S GUARD.
The necessity of the independent newspaper to a modern democracy—that was what Rabbi Wise was getting at when he told the Associated Press that he did not fear the menace of privilege so long as newspapers remain free. No democracy can manage itself successfully without an intelligent and healthy public sentiment. No such sentiment can exist over a large territory without the publicity given by the independent newspaper.

This function cannot be performed by the newspaper which colors its news and its opinions to suit its party or its corporation affiliations. Under such conditions the people are not given the data on which to base an intelligent opinion. It was easy enough for them to know that they

were being oppressed by the Stuart kings. When property was confiscated and good men thrown into jail there was no great need of newspapers to arouse the country. The menace of modern oppression is a more subtle thing. The favored corporation exacts its plunder in ways that escape observation. Unless publicity is given by the independent newspaper there is always danger of the recrudescence of feudalism, benevolent but deadening, exploiting the people for the benefit of a favored class.

With such newspapers offering daily the raw material on which to build an enlightened public sentiment, privilege loses much of its menace. In the long run it must succumb to publicity.—Kansas City Star.

WELCOME, AMERICAN FLEET TO THE GREAT AMERICAN OCEAN

Latest Poem by JOAQUIN MILLER

A LOHA! Wahwah! Queile raison? Ship ahoy! What sails are these? What tuneful Orpheus, what Jason Courts Colchis and her Golden Fleece? For never since the oak-keeled Argo Such sweet chords, such kingly cargo.*

Never since the mad Magellan Dared the Philippines and died, Did these boundless billows swell in Such surprised and saucy pride. Are they laughing, chaffing at you? Waiting but to bang and bat you?

Doughty Vikings, dauntless Norsemen, White-maned stallions plunge and fret; Ride them, ride them, daring horsemen, Ride or perish in.....the wet! Galleons, doubloons galore Paved of old this proud sea floor!

Carabellos, caballeros! Where your boasted Totus Munda? Chile carne con tamales..... And the bull-fight of a Sunday! That is all there is to say Of all your yesterdays, today.

Heed my heroes, heed the story; Gone the argent galleon; Gone the gold and gone the glory, Gone the gaudy, haughty Don. His sword, his pride, sleep side by side, Nor reck, at all, yond ebb or tide.

Ye who buckle on bright armor, Rend and heed nor boast at all Till ye have worn it warm and warmer, Fronting pride that runs to fall. And heed, my heroes, where away We all, a span of years today?

But welcome, walls of flame and thunder, Isles of steel and miles of launches! Welcome to these seas of wonder, Men of war with olive branches; Welcome to dear Crusoe's seas, These sundown seas, this sun-born breeze.

Welcome to the oldest, newest! Here God's spirit moved upon The waters, these the broadest, bluest, Ere that sudden burst of dawn Dividing day from primal night, When He said, "Let there be light."

But, beware the wild tornadoes! Entre nous, they are terrific! Scout that dago's gay bravados! Cut that silly name, Pacific! Balboa, wading to his knees, Cried: "Lo, the calm, pacific seas!"

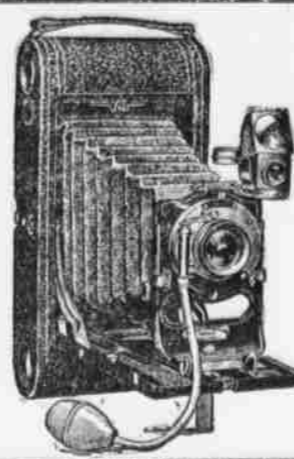
Straightway Cortez hewed his head off! Nay, blame not, accuse nor cavil. Spite of all that has been said of He should have hewed it to the navel; Aye, cut his neck off to his knees, For naming these "Pacific Seas!" Pacific? No, American!

Her go, her get there, gown or gun! Her British, "Get, and keep who can," All places, races, rolled in one. Pacific Ocean? Mild of motion? Never such a silly notion!

So, beware the sometimes tidal Wave Tahitian, where bananas Bathe; where fig-leaved parties bridal Dine in tree-tops on mananans! Samoa's typhoons, too, beware— Her mermaids combing kinky hair.

Aye, tidals, typhoons, 'clones beware! But when you touch sea-set Nippon, Where lift three thousand isles mid-air, And each an Eden dear as dawn, With dimpled Eves and dainty elves— Why, then beware your bloomin' selves,

*A letter from Rio says there are more fiddles than guns on some of the great battleships, and that music is more in evidence than munitions of war. Amen! Amen! And may tell all be as melodious and happy as Orpheus and Argus, although it is said Orpheus went to hell later on, soon after Jason's quest for the yellow wool.



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