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#### THE CUBAN MANIFESTO.

The manifesto issued by the Cuban insurgents appeals strongly to the sympathy of the liberty-loving American people. It is a strongly written, dispassionate, yet earnest document, and will commend itself to the consideration of fair-minded persons. The cause of the Cuban insurgents is gaining ground continually, and though recent questions have tended to absorb the greater share of public attention, yet Cuba and her woes are in the thoughts of sympathizing Americans. Expressions of interest and assurance of sympathy, unofficial, are continually being made, and unless Spain makes greater headway in the next few months than she has in the past, the recognition of Cuba by this government will come to pass. In summarizing Cuba's needs the manifesto says:

"The people of Cuba require only liberty and independence to become a factor in prosperity and progress among civilized nations, instead of intranquility, disturbance and ruin. The fault lies entirely with Spain. Cuba is not the offender; it is a defender of rights. Let America, let the world decide where rests justice and right."

The Cubans declare that no people could bear the wrongs endured by the Cubans without degradation and condemning itself to annihilation. The exactions of Spain have proven too hard to bear, and as a last resort the patriotic Cubans have taken to arms. The manifesto concludes:

"Spain denies the Cubans all effective powers in their own country; condemns them to political inferiority in their native land; confiscates the product of their labor without giving in return either safety, prosperity or education. Spain has shown itself utterly incapable to govern Cuba, which it exploits, impoverishes and demoralizes. The Cubans, not in anger, but in despair, have appealed to arms to defend their rights and vindicate the eternal principle, without which every community is in danger, the principle of justice. Nobody has the right of oppression. Spain oppresses us. In rebelling against the oppression we defend our right; in serving our own cause we serve the cause of mankind. We have not counted the number of our enemies, nor measured their strength. We may find ruin and death a few steps ahead. So be it, we do our duty. If the world is indifferent to our cause, so much the worse for all. A new iniquity shall have been consummated, the principle of human solidarity shall have suffered defeat."

Senator Carter of Montana has introduced a bill into the United States senate authorizing the Pacific Cable Company to build a submarine cable from some point on the Pacific coast to the Hawaiian Islands. A provision is also made for its extension to Japan. The bill provides that no liability for its construction shall attach to the United States, but this government shall pay for a period of twenty years, the sum of \$25 per nautical mile, and all messages of the United States are to be carried free for that period and given preference in transition. The line must be laid and in working order within two years. Without examining into the details of the bill, its object is an important one, and the senate will do well to give the subject its early consideration. The sentiment of Hawaiian annexation to the United States continues strong, and the laying of the cable will bring the two countries into closer commercial relations and aid in bringing about closer political union.

It is to be hoped the Venezuela incident will be treated in a broad statesman-like manner, and not be subjected to petty politics. Party feeling should be laid aside, and democrats and republicans unite in protecting the honor and safety of the country without regard to what faction will receive the greater credit. It is a time for statesmanship, not partisan selfishness.

For once an Oregon court can be praised for the expediency with which it has dealt out justice. Although the crime for which Lloyd Montgomery will go to death was committed but a month ago, the murderer has been tried, convicted and sentenced to death. Such a rapid procedure is far too unusual in

Oregon courts, and this incident is attracting notice because of its infrequency. The counsel for the defendant has made the usual motion for a new trial, already showing a desire to defeat an outraged justice. No technicalities or shuffling should be allowed to delay the fulfillment of the law's design in the case of Montgomery. The sooner the world is rid of such a wretch, the safer it will be.

#### WILL IT BE WAR?

Walla Walla Union. The president's message, with the accompanying correspondence between Secretary Olney and Lord Salisbury, the English premier, has been almost universally received with satisfaction by citizens of all parties. The position of this country demanded that its principles and policies concerning European interference in the American geographical division should be proclaimed, asserted and vigorously defended upon all occasion when it shall become necessary.

La Grande Chronicle. The responses in the way of approval of the president's special message on the Venezuelan matter have been general from all parts of the country and from people of all political beliefs. These words of approval are indicative of the fact that the spirit of patriotism is abroad in the land, and that while disagreement on home affairs may be wide and varied, the people are all American and are ever ready to uphold their national integrity.

Portland Telegram. It is estimated that at least five billion dollars of English capital are invested in the United States, and that at least \$100,000,000 are sent to England every year as dividends and rentals for such investments. An act of war would jeopardize all these vast interests, and England is not likely to sacrifice them for the sake of securing a strip of land in Venezuela. She may bluff and bluster, but she will hardly venture beyond the brow-beating stage. Her patriotic pride is never allowed to overrule her financial prudence. If there were any possible opportunity for her to reap pecuniary profit from a war with this country, we might find it wise to look to our guns. But there isn't. England has been restrained from throttling the ports as much by consideration of her investments in Turkish bonds as by anything else, and would stand even more insolent defiance from Uncle Sam than she has received from Abdul Hamid before she would immolate her pocketbook upon the altar of a mere principle.

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