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TIME TO STOP.

The course of the administration in the Cuban matter is not especially gratifying to the country. There has been too much of an apologetic air towards Spain. The Cuban policy at Washington has not been one to inspire Spain with respect for the United States. Every step taken has been preceded by the fear of giving offense to Spain, and followed by apologetic assurance of friendly intentions.

The administration appeals to the American people in the name of humanity to contribute food to the starving Cubans, then apologizes to Spain for doing it by the assurances that there is no intention to help Cuba. It was deemed best, in order to protect American lives and property in Havana, that a United States man of war be stationed in Havana harbor; but before the Maine reached that port, word was sent to Spain that the arrival of the warship meant absolutely nothing but a desire to resume former friendly naval relations.

Any one of these excuses and apologies may be all right from a diplomatic standpoint; perhaps they all are, but the effect and consequences which followed them have been most unfortunate. In spite of the soothing words of this government, the American legation in Havana has been the scene of rioting, where the utmost disrespect was shown the American nation and its representatives. In spite of the assurance of this government that the Maine was going on a pleasure jaunt, that vessel has been blown to pieces and hundreds of brave lives destroyed—how we do not know; but there are few who do not honestly believe that it was the work of Spaniards.

Even the report that there is activity in the military and naval stations in this country, is followed by a declaration that it has nothing to do with Spain, and that we love that country as much as ever.

All this may be good diplomacy, but it is like eating crow to swallow it. Spain has no love for the United States, and we should not deceive ourselves by friendly words. This country is apt to get too good-natured through its easy-going ways. It learned a lesson in 1861, when by our temporizing the southern states were allowed to prepare for a war that four years were needed to settle, when had the North taken reasonable precautions for preparation, one year would probably have brought it to an end.

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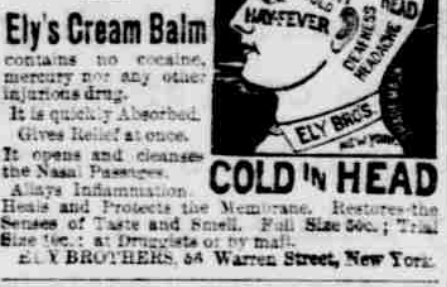
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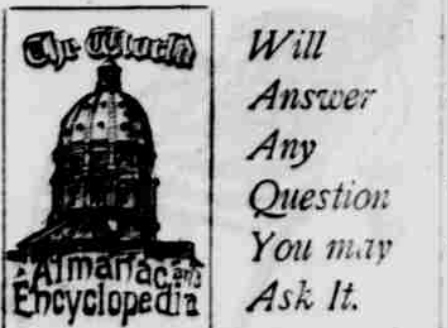
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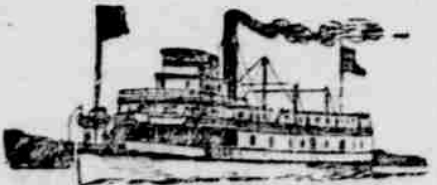


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