



It looks like war. The latest dis patches received today state that Spain has refused to accede to President McKinley's demands and further correspondence is useless. If sach be the case, and there is no hostilities will not be delayed, and when they begin, the horrors of modern
For the slaughter, the sacrifices, the destruction of prorerty and anguish to thousands of souls, Spain will be responsible; America has not eguvery way to bring a the tried ituation to bof Our president pas allow solution derous words of a Spanish represent ative to pass unheeded; the destruction of a favorite war vessel and the death of two hundred and fifty American sailors has not officially been charged to Spain, though there not an American who docs not believe that the mine which sent the Maine beneath the waters was fired by a Spanish hand with devilish deugn. Although humanity has been
orying oit in piteous tones asking that America stop the brutal murder sontinually going on in Cuba, this anation has allowed Spain to conduct warfare of its own peculiar methods until no longer an outraged eivlization can pernit.
And now when the United States asks that the struggle in Cuba cease, Wain hurls back a defiant reply. War will come of spain's own choosang, and never was a conflict in a more righteous cause undertaken by any nation than that which is about to be carried on by this government. We are not seeking more territory; we do not wish to trample on the weak; there ate no personal nor political ambitions to be served. But we are demanding that the blot which rests upon the record of the mineleenth century shall not become doeper stained, and that this nation wil! do what it can towards effiacement.
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the finest battle.ships afloat. But What disaster is likely to prove effect
we in making the United Statcs We in making the United States a enlly great nnval power. Already highly important additions have been made to our navy by purchase, and
there is probably more to follow in the same line. But the great thing the same line. But the great thing is the impetus given to naval con-
struction right here in our owa country. The naval committee of the house has reported its appropriation bill, and it is now before the committee of the whole. Besides making the usual provision for maintainung the
navy, it provides for the building of three battle-ships of the first class. one to be called the Maine; sis tor-pedo-boat destroyers; six torpedoboats, one gunboat to take the place of the Michigan on the lakes. The fifteen seafaring vessels of tiree distinct kinds are to be constructed as soon as possible, and they will add greatly to the effectivenesr of our
navy.
From a naval point of view there Britain and France. There are four second-ciass powers, the United Slates, Germany, Italy and Russia. Spain belongs in the third class, with Austria, and if all the reported pur chases have been made she is still be made to our navy under this bill the United States will easily be at the head of the second class. But the naval history of the world from the battle of Salamis down
shows with especial emphasis tha individual skill and bravery is great factor in sea warfare. country has herein a prouder record tur, Perry and Farragut.



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