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WAR POWER OF CONGRESS.

Ever since the Cuban question reached the acute stage there has been a disposition to belittle, subordinate, or ignore the authority of congress. That body, and not the executive, sits in judgment upon matters relating to war. Where diplomacy ends congressional responsibility begins.

The constitution is perfectly explicit: "Congress shall have power to declare war." Then follow the other military and naval provisions all in harmony with the general proposition. The president is commander-in-chief of the army and navy, but he cannot draw the sword. The boundary line between congressional and executive authority is perfectly plain. From the very nature of the case it is the duty of congress, not the president, to decide when that line has been reached in any given case, especially now that the naval court of inquiry has reported on the destruction of the Maine. There is no doubt how the how the Maine came to be blown up than how Sumter came to be fired upon. Nobody asked then who fired the guns, and nobody cares now who touched off the submarine mine. The only question is, What shall be done about it? Congress, and congress alone, is competent, under the wise provision of our government, to decide upon the answer.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The president's message has gone to congress, and by this time, no doubt, congress has committed itself to considerations of war. The temper of our representatives is too well known to admit of any doubt as to what course congress will eventually pursue.

The United States has been victorious in all its conflicts with other nations, and she will be in this. Men and treasury will be abundantly supplied to aid the administration in carrying on the war. The latent patriotism of the nation is aroused, and the country is united now as it never was before.

The mills of the gods grind slowly, it is true, but they do their work well at last. Spain has been a curse to civilization these recent years, and it is but just retribution she is about to receive.

America has done many acts to advance civilization in her century of history, and she is about to add another glorious chapter to her record. With Spain conquered and Cuba free, the closing years of the present century can be called worthy ones.

While the attention of the world is being absorbed in the possibility of a clash of arms between America and Spain, we are apt to forget that the greatest living statesman of the nineteenth century is nearing the line which divides the living from the dead. W. E. Gladstone is dying in England, and in a few days probably will have taken his place in his tomb. Under any circumstances Gladstone's death will call for the attention and comment of the world. He has been an attractive personality, and represents much of the better order of things in English politics. His life has been nearly coterminous with the century, and he has had a great part to play in all the important transactions of European state

craft. He will pass to his rest honored as few men are.

We have heard no candidates mentioned for the legislature from this district. This matter is one which demands careful attention from the nominating delegates. Let us have men nominated and elected who are opposed to "hold ups." No member who had anything to do with the Simon-Populist combination should receive a re-nomination.

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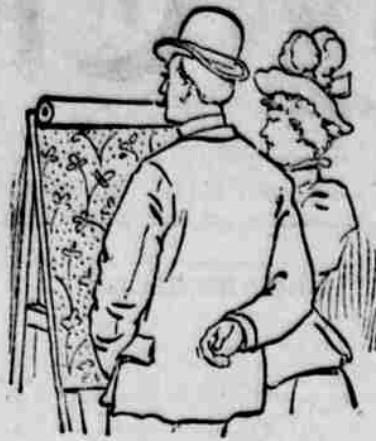
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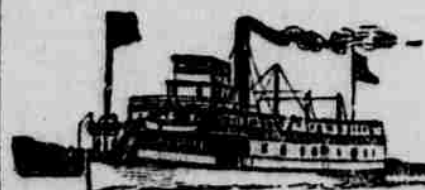
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