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NOT TO BE EXPECTED.

The earnest desire for peace, says the Tribune, is worthy of praise, but does not justify accounts calculated to create in the popular mind false ideas of the possible interruption of business or injury to seaconst towns which might result from war, or wildly exaggerated conceptions of danger. Fidelity to the weltare and bonor of the country demands that there should be no panic manufacturing at this juncture, whether for selfish or higher motives. The straight forward and careful statement of the facts is warranted, but nothing more. The fact is that there is no occasion to apprehend arrest or serious interruption of any of the great departments of business in this country in case of war with such a power as Spain, except such seizure or destruction of merchant shipping as might occur mostly in distant waters. This would indeed involve much loss to individuals. But little over a tenth of the imports by war into the United States and exports by water from the United States was last year in American vessels. It is not a fact in which Americans can take pride; but it shows how small a part of the foreign trade is liable to interruption if the further fact is considered that only about a sixth of the tonnage of the United States

foreign trade. These considerations reduce to a very small proportion of foreign commerce the part which is hable to Engagement of the Distinguished interference by hostile vessels. But respecting the part remaining, the coastwise trade and the possible injury to ports along the seacoast, other facts have to be reckoned. Spain cannot keep affoat along this coast, thousands of miles away from supplies of coal, any considerable number of vessels engaged in preying upon our commerce or threatening our seaports. It is therefore pertinent to consider what objects would be gained by a hostile vessel sent on such a cruise far from a base of supplies. The capture of sundry merchant vessels would offer no return of consequence, because there is no ready port into which prizes could be taken for sale, nor could an armed vessel afford to load itself down with the goods from merchant vessels in order to carry them across the At-

merchant marine is employed in

It is always possible that for hope of gain or advantage men will take desperate chances, but who would wish to risk a vessel, and the cost of a voyage across the ocean, and his own lift besides, without chance of gain or advantage? If the Spanish government could with hope of success attack any port of importance it might accomplish something in the way of vengeance, if not of gain. But what port of that character could be attacked and its defenses overcome and its business laid under contribution before a powerful fleet at the command of Spain to betray its presence anywhere along the coast a thousand miles away from Spanish coal yards. The question whether Spain has a fleet that it wishes to risk on such a venture, leaving the West Indis presessions undefended, is one which will be studied with a great deal of seriousness by the Spanish government before any vessels are ordered on such an errand.

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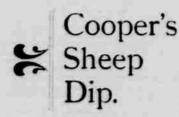
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