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France is engaged in making active war preparations for the preservation of the peace.

McKinley is a popular man in the best sense of the word. His popularity rests upon pure character and high capacity. He leads the people because he understands them and glories in being one of them.

When last the Oregon was headed for the latitude of Brazil she kept a sharp lookout for the Cape Verde fleet. It is reasonably certain now that she would have whipped them all and placed herself at the head of immortal ships.

On December 1st, 1898, the hold of Spain upon America is to be relinquished. Columbus did the best he could for the glory of the Spaniards, but they were not equal to the task of governing the new world, nor much of Europe.

Some of the Democratic papers are afraid that the American troops in Cuba will tend to bring about annexation by military force. Democratic distrust of a soldier is not justified by anything in our history. It is a peculiarity as yet unexplained.

It is figured out in Madrid that the war cost Spain \$600,000,000, which is about the size of the Cuban debt we are invited to pay, at least in part. Spain was too proud to sell Cuba without a war, and a fine opportunity to do something practical was lost.

The sentiment among the farmers of the west is almost unanimous on the point of American retention of the Philippines. They have the wisdom to see that expansion in this direction means a constantly increasing demand for the products of western farms and fields.

A noble monument is to mark the resting place of James G. Blaine. Yet a nobler monument to his memory is the acceptance by the American people of the doctrines which he expounded during the last years of his life. Were he alive today there would be no doubt as to his position on the question of the territorial expansion and commercial pre-eminence of the United States.

Dewey has already a powerful fleet, but when the Oregon and Iowa arrive at Manila he will have the strongest squadron in the Pacific except England's and Japan's. Of course there is no menace to any foreign nation in this circumstance. It simply means that the United States is going to get all of the Philippines, and is going to hold them. Spain is virtually dispossessed of them already. If the United States let go the insurgents would overrun the whole of them. Spain's authority in them is broken. Nor will she be permitted to sell or donate any of them to any other nation. The United States has a prior claim on them, and this will be recognized by the Spanish peace commissioners.

It has doubtless been noticed that the longer President McKinley has been in the West the stronger are his expressions on the territorial expansion question. "A most blessed country we have," he remarked in his address at the Merchants' Exchange at St. Louis, "and resting upon us, and upon all of us, is the duty of maintaining it unimpaired while carrying forward the great trust of civilization that has been committed to us. We must gather the just fruits of the victory." These are words of wisdom. The "great trust of civilization that has been committed to us"—or one of the great trusts—is the necessity for us to give the Filipinos a good deal better government than that of Spain which has been overthrown. To "gather the just fruits of the victory" we must, among other things, take the whole Philippine archipelago under our control.

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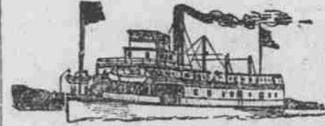
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