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MOXDAY.......FEBRUARY 20. 1899
4 YEAR WHICH MADE HISTORY A great deal of exciting and im-
portant history was made in the United States in the twelve months
which have just ended. The destruc. tion of the battleship Maine, in the harbor of Havana, on February 15,
1898, was a decisive datemark in the country's annals. It is usually dif-
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point to any epochal chain of circumstunces. Occurrences have a habit of running into ench other so imper-
ceptibly that it is commonly impossible, with any confidence, to point time at which, tiey began. It would events divide themselves up into no disposition to do ordinarily show tion of the Maine, however, has this the doubts and hesitation in our deal. ings with Spain regarding the outcome of the Cuban issue, and made
war between the United States Spain certain. Landmats in the nation's history. It brought to a culmination a ceutury States and Spain, and rendered it im possible in the future for any further two countries in the Western hemi which arose between them was about the navigation of the Mississippi, and sions, from the end of the war of inquisition of Louisiana, in 1803. Then came the trouble about Florida, was ceded to us, in 1821 . Cuba tras
been a cause of serious disagreement between the two countries often since the century began. particularly
during the Lopez and Crittenden filhbustering days, from 1849 to 1852, in the Black Warrior episode, in
1854, and at the time of the Virginius outrage, in 1873. From Washington's administration ouward to McKinley's the United states was often on the verge of war with Spain for
that country's arrogance, blindness and wiekedness. The war which the tated wipebruary 15, 1898, precipilong list of outrages on Americans by Spain, and removed all chances of United States and that country. In another and larger respect that history. It ended the sway of the isolationist idea, born in the days of the country's newness and feebleness, on the It broadened the circle of the coun try's interesta and aetivities enlarg the mental horizon of its people, and gave the United States a higher place the respect of the great nility if the destruction of possibilty that not taken place the outrages in Cubs would be still under way, or that the insurgents, exhausted by their long given up the fight. It seems hardly learned last summer of the condition of the insurgents, that they could have continued the conflict twelve
months longer if the United Siate had not intervened. The war which tater, ended Spain's four centuries isphere, and created a new and greater America, which is henceforth the life and devi a far larger place in verse than it bas bitherto filled, or than anybody a year ago supposed Thes, February in the near pature great datemark in the world's history

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