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It is not possible that Germany could contemplate any project of intervention in the Philippines without assurance of support from England, Russia and Japan. Such assurance will not be forthcoming, even though the eccentric William counted it. England has in oriental waters within easy sailing distance of Manila about thirty warships, ranging from battleships to armored cruisers. The English foreign office has served notice that other powers must keep their hands off the Philippines until hostilities between the United States and Spain are brought to a close.

An officer of the Hugh McCullough, quoted in the Hong Kong Daily Press, of May 3, relates the following incident of the battle of Manila: "We first fired the port battery, and then came round and fired the starboard battery, repeating the operation four or five times. The second time we came round the Spanish admiral came out in the Reina Christina and gallantly assisted us. We received him warmly, and I don't know how in the world he escaped with his life. While the old admiral was standing on the bridge a shot from one of our vessels blew the bridge clean over, but the admiral somehow escaped, for we saw him afterward calmly pacing the deck. Finding he could do no good he turned to get back into the harbor, but before he could take shelter an eight inch shell from the Boston struck his vessel on the stern and set her on fire. Later on she sank with some two hundred men."

The Globe-Democrat says the war revenue law and the \$20,000,000 popular loan will probably furnish all the funds the government needs until the conflict is ended. If more money is wanted, however, the authority to issue additional bonds is provided. The government will not be short of cash, no matter how long the war lasts, or how heavy the expenditures may be. The administration, in a direct and emphatic degree, is master of the situation. The silverites and greenbacks were baffled when the war revenue bill, with its bond issue feature, passed and they are powerless for harm now. The only Spaniards which the country will have to fight while this war lasts are those in Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines and other Spanish territory. The Spaniards in congress have, for the present war at least, been thoroughly subduced.

People who think that America is not as patriotic as it used to be—who think that the vast army of workmen are not lovers of their country—should do a little investigating, says the Chicago Times-Herald. They would find that somewhere about the home of nearly every laborer there is displayed the American flag, and in thousands of instances right by its side is the Cuban flag with its single star. They would find that in the thousands upon thousands of public schools the children from the homes of the laboring men are foremost among the enthusiastic and patriotic children of the land. Those who think that this government is in danger of being overthrown by anarchists, socialists or any other class of discredited and restless spirits, are wide of the mark. This government is founded in the hearts of the people, and they are intelligent enough to know that up to date a better government has never been organized. They believe in it, they love it, they will seek to make it stronger and better, and their hands will always be raised against every effort to destroy it. The United States was never stronger than it is today, and it was never growing faster than it is in these times.

TO EXPAND OUR TRADE IN CHINA.

The recommendation of Secretary State Day for an appropriation of \$20,000 to create a commission to investigate commercial conditions in China affecting our export trade should receive prompt and adequate response from congress.

The extraordinary efforts being made by Great Britain, Germany and France to provide facilities for increasing their

export trade to the Orient, and for taking advantage of the rapidly developing markets in that quarter of the globe, make it imperative that the United States should take effective measures for protecting the interests of the vast trade that is certain to be opened by the era of industrial progress upon which China is entering.

Several day calls attention to the fact that many lines of American manufacture which have been introduced into European countries of long established industrial predominance have found a ready and profitable sale in competition with home products. The development of our via maritime commerce claimed the attention and energies of the nation during the first century of our national existence, but during the last two decades we have been reaching out for trade in all parts of the world. The story of the twentieth century will tell us in complete command over the forces that control the world—steam, electricity and machinery. An American firm recently equipped the underground electrical power plant in London. We are shipping pig iron to Great Britain, steel rails to India, locomotives to Japan, China and Russia, and mining machinery to South Africa. In Japan iron rails have heretofore been chiefly supplied by Great Britain, Germany and Belgium, but the customs returns for the first six months of last year show that America supplied 1,80,324 pounds, against 60,323 pounds for the corresponding period of 1896. Our trade with Japan shows greater increase than that of any other nation.

The United States must be in a position to lead in the commercial conquest of China, as it is now leading in the development of the Japanese trade. The United States does not need any Chinese territory to expand the market for her goods in the Orient. All the sake are open ports and a chance for open competition with the European nations. How to secure these favorable conditions can be ascertained only by the methods already adopted by England and Germany in building up trade in Mexico and South American republics—by sending abroad national commissions of commercial and industrial experts.

TACTICS.

"Ha! ha!" they heard the Spanish shout. This scheme awakens rupture. The fever said, "We are safe, out, out, the less the chance of capture."

"Some men," said Uncle Tom, "seems to me that they never leave footprints in the sand's of time is yet to go ahead or jump on everything in sight."

DANGEROUS APPARATIONS.

Every once in a while a ghost creeps up in the columns of the daily or weekly press. This ghoulish spirit sometimes assumes the part of a promoter on some lonely road, who terrifies belated travelers out of their wits. Again the victim from the unknown world hurries furniture about, smashes windows, and indulges in unearthly howlings at unseasonable hours. Few persons credit these blood curdling accounts of the doings of his chieftain, but there is a moment when it is unutterably awful at times. When a nervous malady attacks the annual convention the malcontents are apathetic, and usually most violent and harassing at night. Sleeplessness, if unremedied, disregarded at the outset, becomes chronic, and the entire system suffers in consequence. The gripes of the nerves Hoosier's stomach nerves is a thorough remedy; as it is also for malaria, rheumatism, dropsy, consumption and dyspepsia, all of which rest in Negro apparatus.

The woman who enjoys solitary pleasures must be related to the man who drinks alone.

I was seriously affected with a cough for several years, and last fall had a more severe cough than ever before. I have used many remedies, sometimes receiving much relief, and being recommended to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, by a friend, who, knowing me to be a poor wolve, gave it to me. I tried it, and with the most gratifying results. The first bottle relieved me very much and the second bottle absolutely cured me. I have not had as good health for twenty years. Please give my certificate without solicitation, simply in appreciation of the gratitude felt for the cure effected—Spectacularly, Mrs. Mary A. Beard, Claremore, Ark. For sale by Charles Rogers, druggist.

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Signature of *Chas H. Fletcher*

A woman would infinitely prefer being told she looks ill when she feels so to being informed that she never looked better.

YOUR FA

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No tub, no sponge, no luffa, no rag, almost no water—

Pears' soap a cent's worth—luxury.

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Your grocer pays you back your money in full if you don't like them.

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MARINE NOTES.

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