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Spain has taken the first step toward peace by asking the Governneat of the United States, through he French Ambresador at Washingon, what conditions will be accepsble to this country to end the war. This does not imply that the denands of the President will be readily conceded by Spain, or that peace is necessarily near at hand. It is not in the nature of Spanish diplomacy to set quickly, nor to arry forward negotiations without in effort to produce fresh entanglenents supposed to promise advan ages for itself. But the subject of peace has been opened in Washingon with the proper directness and a lefinite answer will not be delayed The United Scates will unquestionaly propose terms that will accompish every object for which the war was begun, secure a lasting peace and demnify this government for the heavy expenditures caused by the rejection of its avertures prior to the appeal to arms. A just, honorable nd adequate peace is what will be ubmitted for Spain's acceptance.

In many directions fortune is wishing her favors on the United states. Not only are we fighting uccessfully a war which will result a great triumph for civilization, out the crop reports are among the most favorable ever recived at this time of the year. The wheat yield will be the largest in the country's nistory. That of 1892 was 611,000,-900 bushels, which was 100,000,000 rester than the crop of any other year in this country before or since. in 1898 the wheat yield of the United PortlandAr | 836 A. K. | States is placed at figures ranging rop will equal or exceed last year's unexampled yield, which was 2,284, ild the corn crop of this country pass he 2,000,000,000 mark. This means good times for the farmer, and isually when the farmer prospers

> he country prospers. The St. James Gazette tells this of Gladstone: "On one occasion two gentlemen, invited as guests at a able where Mr. Gladstone was expected, made a wager that they would start a conversation on a subect about which even Mr. Gladstone would know nothing. To accomplish this end they read up an ancient magazine article on some unfamiliar sudject connected with Chinese manufactures. When the favorable opportunity came the topic was started, and the two conspirators watched with amusement the growing interest in the subject which Mr. Gladstone's face betrayed. Finally, he joined in the conversation, figuratively-when Mr. Gladstone sud, "Ah gentlemen, I perceive you have been reading an article I wrote in the--magazine some thirty or forty years ago."

> Thus far we have expended in our Spanish war about \$125,000,000 out of a total appropriation of \$292,-000,000, and our losses in killed, wounded and missing amount to a little over 1600 men. In her 10 years' war in Cuba, lasting from 1868 to 1878, the cost to Spain was, in round numbers, \$300,000,000, the lives of 8000 officers of all grades and 200,000 private soldiers. Our civil war of 1861-65 stands for an estimated exenditure of not less than \$7,100,000,-000 for both parties engaged; the Franco-German war of 1870-71 cost \$2,500,000,000. The Servo-Bulgarian struggle of 1885 cost \$176,000,000. The Crimean war of 1854-56 stands for an expenditure of \$2,000,000,000, and the loss of 750,000 lives. In the Russo-Turkish war of 1877-78, the loss was about 225,000 lives, and the money co t something over \$1,000, 000,000. The Zulu and Afghan wars o! 1879 cost England over \$500,000,-

We think more and more of Gen. Miles, He has broken the combination of the Strategic board of Washington. He chose another port to land at in Porto Rico than the one determined upon, which, of course, necessarily changes the entire programme. He went to Santiago and saw what had been done under direction at long range from Wash. SCIO, LINN COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 1898

mind, as he looked over the situation, he said to himself: "A great many brave men have been needlessly killed and Wounded, and subjected to fever here. If mistakes are made in Porto Rico, they shall be under my own eyes, and if I am to take the responsibility, I will make them under my own dictation and not that of a board 1500 miles away." Good for Miles!-Salt Lake Tribune.

The expenses of the war from April 21 to July 15, were at the rate of \$1,450,000 per day. The total cost up to July 5 was \$125,000,000. Up to that date, the amount appropriated for earrying on the war was \$292,-000,000. Principal items of expense have been: Transportation, mobilzatlon of troopships, \$17,000,000, tents clothing and camp equipment \$9,000,000; strengthening sea coast defenses \$8,000,000; coal for warships \$4,000,000, ordinance and arms \$8,-000,000; ammunition \$7,000,000; horses and muler \$4,000,000; exped 3 tion for relief of Cudans \$1,500,000. Much of the money was spent during the preparatory period from the destruction of the Maine to the declaration of war. At the rate of \$1,420,000 a day it will take until

Germany is said to have taken some pains through her ambassador to reassure our government of her sympathy with us and her peaceable have been ordered in Paris at a cost and Russia against the United States, Britain and Japan would not be an agreeable sight for Christendom to contemplate. Germany is protestant

Santiago prisoners retain their arms. Spain be allowed to hold one of the 200,00) bushels. In only three years disputed ports until Cuba shall pay before 189,-in 1890, 1892 and 1896- an agreed indemnity to the mother country for the loss of the island.

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Gen. Wood, the military Governor

Bernard Quaritch says that Mr. Gladstone purchased himself some thirty-five thousand books. A great quantity of volumes were presented to him, the first of these being the copy of Hannah More's Sacred Dramas" which the old lady gave him when he was a child in petticoats,

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The Use of Whitewash.

By the rules of the Condensed and her people are naturally allied Milk Factory, at Newport, Maine, to and in full sympathy with each patron is required to keep his Americans. German American cit- cow stables constantly white washed, izens form a considerable element. It has been found, by experience, that whitewash has a marked effect in the production of clean healthy Of the many national qualities milk. Patrons of creameries, where characteristic of Spain, an outsider is an effort is made to manufacture a puzzled to determine whether the finely flovored butter for export greatest is intense honor or supreme market or any special demand, would nerve. The latest exhibition of the former is the attempt to have the ing scheme. In this connection, it is well to remember the suggestion and the latest display of the latter is | we made last month, concerning the | Jake Whidman, of Jordan, all in Linn con the proposition looking to a declara- use of a spraying pump in doing the tion of peace with a condition that whitewash work. How many of our readers tried that plan?-Hoard's

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"Shall Our Girls go to College?" is answered by Edward Bok, who also writes in advocacy of "Glving Allowances to Girls," Mrs. S. T. Rorer tells what is "The Best Diet for Bloodless Girls," There are practical articles in needlework, millinery When the administration gives up and on a variety of homely topics, Manila it will have to do it over the and the musical feature is a song-"When I Wait at the Bars for Nell." living men-Dewey and Mahan. By The Curtis Publishing Company,

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