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THE WAR AND SPAIN. The country hardly realized that we were in a state of war until news began to come in of the capture of merchantmen by our fleet in Cuban waters.

The government has been a good deal puzzled as to the intentions of the Spanish fleet which rendezvoused at the Cape Verde Islands. That this fleet is formidable is generally admitted, but should it come to a general naval fight we can show a fleet equally as good and more of them, without counting the skill of our gunners and superior armament.

On the other hand it is believed the government of Spain is acting timidly and is loathe to trust her vessels on this side of the water to be met by so formidable an armada as we can present.

In the meantime the characteristic bravado of the Spaniard continues, but it is believed to be the words of desperation rather than a disposition to meet the issue, which to them must really be regarded as a herculean undertaking, from which the more intelligent and thoughtful would willingly retire at any cost of territory or prestige.

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While Spain can boast she can also "take water." She has retired ingloriously from all her South and Central American possessions, including Mexico. Spain measured up well in medieval days but she has failed to keep abreast with enlightenment, and her weakness has become inherent.

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PUBLIC SENTIMENT DID IT. This is not the time to exploit partisan politics, but it is only a matter of justice to the Democrats and Populists in Congress to keep the record straight, by calling attention to the fact that the position occupied by Mr. McKinley and his administration and party today has been that of the Democrats and Populists in Congress since the announcement of the blowing up of the Maine. The latter are not asking any special credit for their thoroughbred Americanism, which has helped the people of the country to force the administration into a fighting humor.

Like the brave marine who reported to Capt. Sigbee that his ship had been blown up, and like Capt. Sigbee and Fitz Lee, they have only done their duty; but on the other hand, they should not be deprived of the credit due them, by those who allowed themselves to be bamboozled by the trickery of Spanish diplomacy into believing that a peaceful settlement of the account between the U. S. and Spain could be arrived at, until an indignant and aroused public sentiment opened their eyes to the real situation and who now claim that the present situation has been brought about by their policy, when it exists in spite of their policy. Getting himself in a fighting humor is not the only thing in which Mr. McKinley has followed the Democrats. Although he opposed the Declaration of the Independence of the present government of Cuba with so much vehemence that he succeeded in having it struck out of the resolution after it had been adopted by the Senate, he has since practically, if not officially, recognized the Cuban republic by treating with its officials, through Gen. Miles.

In announcing by proclamation the principles upon which he will wage the war, which Congress has authorized, Mr. McKinley has certainly carried mild treatment of Spanish interests to an unnecessary extreme—an extreme that will wipe out the expectations of prize-money granted by the brave sailors that when Admiral Sampson's blockading squadron, by releasing nearly, if not all of the Spanish vessels they have captured since the blockade was established. This proclamation gives all Spanish merchant vessels in American ports or bound to or from American ports immunity from capture until May 21, inclusive. It would be possible to make some nations surrender by treating them and their interests with consideration, but Spain is certainly not one of them.

What Mr. McKinley has intended to be an act of extraordinary generosity and forbearance will be charged to his fear of the by the ignorant Spaniard. There is only one way to deal with a Spaniard—fight him and lick him; then he will be ready to entertain the idea of a foe displaying magnanimity towards him.

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Eating Three Times a Day. I suffered from indigestion and had not been able to do much work. I suffered great distress after eating, and could not sleep at night. Since taking a few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla I can eat three times a day and can sleep well at night." Mrs. G. A. GUNZ, 3 E. Cor. Taylor and Walnut Streets, Wilmington, Del.

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THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. Prospects of an Early Capture of Manila. It would not be surprising if the first conflict of the war between armed vessels, and perhaps also the first bombardment, should take place very soon at the Philippines. Mrs. Day, which Commodore Dewey made his final point of rendezvous before moving upon Manila, is in Chinese territory, 20 or 30 miles from Hong Kong.

Commodore Dewey has now at his command the flagship Olympia, 5,870 tons, the fastest of our protected cruisers, next to the Columbia and Minneapolis, and far more heavily armed than those vessels, the Baltimore, 4,413 tons; the Raleigh, 3,213 tons; the Boston 3,000 tons; the Concord, 1,710 tons; the Petrel, 893 tons. That means an aggregate of ten 8-inch guns, twenty-three 6-inch, twenty 4-inch, thirty 6-pounders, eight 15-pounders, fifteen 1-pounders, twelve Hotchkiss revolving cannons, and four ten Gatlings. In addition to these is the armed revenue cutter, Albatross, with two vessels bought for carrying coal and other stores.

The Spaniards are believed to have at Manila or in neighboring waters the wooden cruiser Castilla, 3,343 tons; the gunboat Velasco, 1,153 tons; Don Antonio Ulla and Don Juan de Austria, each 1,150 tons; the Galea and Isla Luzon, each 1,030; while several smaller vessels are spoken of as being, including the General Leo and Eleano, 524 tons each; the Marques del Duero, 500 tons, and the Parana, 400 tons. A small vessel than any of these, the Helma Christina, 3,250 tons, is now also ascribed to Manila waters. More or fewer of these vessels are more important than those thrown in Commodore Dewey's fleet clearly outclasses Spain's.

Manila undoubtedly has some good harbors, but it is believed that these can easily be silenced by our vessels. Late advices from Hong Kong state that Admiral Dewey has arranged to cooperate with the British fleet, and has issued strict orders that no barbarous or inhuman acts are to be perpetrated by the insurgents.

The primary object is to capture the Spanish fleet, which Admiral Dewey thinks is a more important object than capturing Manila. It is determined to prevent the Spanish fleet from preying upon American vessels. Under the terms of the Manila peace treaty, the capture of Manila will demand its capitulation within 35 minutes of its arrival.

The men in his command are in the best of health and of excellent health. There have been no desertions, included in which are six Chinamen, one Italian and one German. During the fleet's stay at Hong Kong every preparation has been made.

The ships are cleaned and have been painted for battle. The general opinion is that the fleet in these waters will result in an easy victory for the United States. Her ships carry 122 guns, against 90 or thereabouts in the Spanish fleet. The co-operation of the American fleet with the British fleet is a strict secret.

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Oregon and Tenerario. For a long time we have been hearing that the Spanish gunboat Tenerario was at Buenos Ayres for the express purpose of intercepting and sinking the Oregon, when that vessel should be in Montevideo from Cape Horn. Even the recent rumor that the Tenerario had put to sea from Buenos Ayres caused a surprise that she had impatiently gone out to hunt for our big battleship.

We think there is no need of worrying much on the Oregon's account. To begin with, she made a straight run from San Francisco to the Straits of Magellan, a well-known sailing station. If she sailed there, she would presumably not touch at Montevideo at all. Her hasty orders, so that looking for a needle in a haystack would be easy compared with an undertaking of the Tenerario to find the Oregon somewhere off the mouth of the Rio de la Plata, as she passed north.

But why should the Oregon be afraid of the Tenerario? The Spaniard is an old hand at sea, and the Oregon is a new arrival. The Spaniard is carrying only a couple of 4-inch guns and five small secondary pieces. The Oregon has ten 8-inch guns, twenty-three 6-inch, twenty 4-inch, thirty 6-pounders, eight 15-pounders, fifteen 1-pounders, twelve Hotchkiss revolving cannons, and four ten Gatlings. In addition to these is the armed revenue cutter, Albatross, with two vessels bought for carrying coal and other stores.

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