

WAR NOT JUSTIFIABLE.

The whole country is now upon the anxious bench, awaiting the effect of President McKinley's message. History does not recall a time when the head of this government had a more perplexing problem to solve and under such embarrassing surroundings. The United States and Spain have been enjoying friendly relations—the two governments feel a kind of kinship; within almost speaking distance of the United States is the Island of Cuba, in the very throes of agony brought about by her own people, and now they are crying for aid. This island has always been a lava bed of insurrection and it has kept the mother country in a state of feverish anxiety; but with all of the outbreaks which have occurred our government has never before felt called upon to interfere. Are there grounds for interference now? It is true that suffering exists, many of those people have not the comforts of life and starvation stares them in the face, but is that not one of the usual results of war? When the war between the States was raging there were times when the people of the South found the necessities of life scant, no foreign country came forward and intervened. In our opinion many of the reports which reach us from Cuba are highly colored, and many of them purporting to come from Cuba, actually emanate in the headquarters of the Cuban Junta in New York city. This Cuban organization is one of the most complete that was ever organized in this country, it seems to have any amount of money and in every city in this country it has branches and agents scattered everywhere. This organization has through some influence, about gotten possession of Congress, and the great daily newspapers. It is openly charged that Senators Thurston and Gallinger who returned from Cuba with such graphic accounts of the cruelties and barbarism, were the paid representatives of the newspapers controlled by the Cuban Junta. It is also strongly intimated that the reports of these two Senators were written before they left for Cuba, and the dramatic speech of Senator Thurston, in which he so feelingly alluded to his dead wife was studiously prepared and was in cold type in the newspaper offices twelve hours before its delivery. If these charges are true, surely the United States Senate is not that high and honorable body represented to be. The idea of Senators using such a high office as a means to assist secret organizations in an insurrection against a friendly power. If these Senators were the paid representatives of a newspaper or an organization they should not be allowed to remain upon the floor of the Senate no more so, than a Senator who is the paid representative of a concern seeking to make a contract with the government to build battleships. President McKinley has grasped the situation and realizes that he has an up hill job in his hands in the effort to save this country from being plunged into a war, by a set of hot-headed men who will not have to share any of the trial, dangers, and privations of war. We venture that if a resolution is offered in Congress declaring war, and in it is incorporated a clause that it shall become the duty of the members of Congress to take the field, the resolution will fail of passage, and if it does pass, it would be followed by another almost immediately declaring peace. The people do not want a war as they do not feel that there exists a just cause, nor is there anything in the present contention which appeals to their patriotism. If this government forces a war, the people will go into it cold-blooded, upon the principle of whether right or wrong, they will fight for the nation's flag.

RHEUMATISM CURED.

My wife has used Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism with great relief, and I can recommend it as a splendid remedy for rheumatism and other household uses for which we have found it valuable.—W. J. Cuyler, Red Creek, N. Y.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT AT JORDAN.

Jordan, S. C., April 2, 1898. The closing exercises of the school situated in St. Mark's township or School District No. 6, and known by the local name of Rehoboth school, took place on Friday night March 25th and as I had the pleasure of being present, I will write a few dots on the subject.

BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR CATARRH THAT CONTAIN MERCURY.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying F. J. Cheney's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co., Testimonials free. Sold by druggists, price 75c. per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

WAR CLOUDS BEING HOVERING OVER OUR COUNTRY.

War clouds have been hovering over our country for some weeks now. At times they would stubbornly recede and now at this time from all accounts they are getting thicker and thicker and loomed up with all their blackness and ready as it appears to break forth with all their fury. On every side the talk is war, war. Yes, the talk is war and for one, with all sincerity of heart say "Let her roll." It is indeed gratifying to every true patriot all over this broad land of ours to know that the men high in authority in our government have at last awoke to a sense of their duty, and that they now begin to show a disposition to defend the national honor of our country, and to avenge the death of our countrymen so cruelly murdered by brutal Spaniards treacherously blowing up our battle ship Maine on the night of the 15th of last February. We believe our government has dallied too long in making up its mind to bring the cowardly miscreants to an accountability. They ought to push this matter to a conclusion by declaring war against Spain let consequences be what they may. The blood of our unfortunate, though gallant dead has been crying too long already from the foul mud of Havana harbor or retribution, and the black winged vulture of Cuba has hovered over and held high carnival long enough to our shame and mortification over some of the bodies of our unfortunate and treacherously murdered dead. The cry and pleadings of the Cuban people for independence and deliverance from the domination and oppressions of the meanest, the most treacherous and brutal people that the Creator of all things ever took time to bring into existence has been too long unheeded. But we believe the day of Cuban deliverance draws near and we sincerely trust the day of retributive justice will in the meantime overtake the cruel murderers of our unsuspecting and too confiding countrymen. Bull by the jingoes, our nation can depend on them. The dollar loyalist and the long faced, blubbering and peace pleading valets may now retire to back seats and we trust the jingoes won't be too hard on them loving money and peace better than they love national honor and manly resentment. If war does come, they should be given a place in the picture, and a chance to serve their country. They should immediately be enlisted in the square man's battalion, and every one labeled quaker. With all seriousness we believe the time for words and bluster is now past, and the time for action has arrived. Let the sordid gold go and let our country give the cruel and treacherous Spaniards war to the knife, and the knife to the hilt for life, blood for blood in the sentiments and desire of your humble writer, George R. Jones, Davis April 2, 1898.

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A CLARENDON BOY IN TROUBLE.

Elsewhere we publish a full account of the trouble at the Citadel as taken from the News & Courier. Sergeant Cantey is one of Clarendon's best young men, a son of Hon. Joseph S. Cantey of Summerton, and a more honorable boy never put on a uniform. If he reported any of the boys for breaking barracks it was his duty to do so, and the violent outbreak against the young man is certainly unfortunate. The people throughout South Carolina will not tolerate such conduct and unless the officers in charge of the institution punish the offenders, the next session of the Legislature will take the matter in hand and very likely withhold the appropriation to continue the Citadel.

Cantey is a noble fellow, conscientious and the soul of honor. He is being trained a soldier and his first duty is to obey orders; we therefore suppose that in making his report of those of his comrades who broke barracks, it was one of the duties imposed upon him by his superior officers. He comes of stock that will not be intimidated, even by a mob many of whom were "under the influence of whiskey." His Uncle Bill Cantey, rather than surrender his company at the battle of Five Forks, gave up his life, and Cadet Cantey will never surrender either. Many of these cadets are the beneficiaries of the tax payers of this State, and we know that the people will not feel kindly towards an institution that will tolerate a condition in which many of the cadets were under the influence of whiskey. Cantey will stay at the Citadel if every cadet leaves its walls, far better would it be for the future of the Citadel if the institution only graduated Cantey a high toned conscientious gentleman than for it to turn loose at the expense of the people a mob of toughs.

We regret exceedingly this most deplorable affair, because we have always felt kindly towards the Citadel and have time and again defended it from the attacks of its enemies but we cannot for a moment think of excusing the conduct of "many of the cadets were under the influence of whiskey" last Monday night, and undertook by mob violence to force a brave and honorable Clarendon boy to leave the institution which he entered upon his merit.

The President's message will be sent to Congress to-day and is said to contain about 7,000 words. He will recommend against the independence of Cuba for the present, but he will recommend intervention until a government can be formed. There will be strong efforts to get Congress to back up the President, as they should do. McKinley does not want to recognize the independence of a government which does not exist. We have every confidence in the President's ability to guide the ship of State into a haven of peace.

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EDUCATIONAL TRIUMPHS OF THE REFORMERS.

A Just Criticism of the Movement's Most Important Achievements. Columbia, S. C., April 2.—It is generally agreed on all sides that the educational triumphs of the reformers in South Carolina since 1890 will not be longer recognized by the people. Therefore we may consider that the fact heretofore known as "Reform" has served the purpose of the people. Without going into a general review of the work accomplished by this faction, which would only serve to excite the old feelings of antagonism, which had best slumber on, this correspondent wishes to direct attention to one feature, that of educational purposes, which friend and foe must agree is the star transcendent in the diadem of Reform politics.

A GREAT MOVEMENT.

Whatever may have been the short comings of that faction in other directions, as viewed by its opponents, all men can unite in giving to that movement the credit of doing more for the education of the masses than any other cause since the establishment of the free public school system. Therefore I invite you, one and all, to a love feast and we will to-day review this work, which will stand forever as a monument to a movement which, being organized by men, had, like all morality, its virtues and its faults.

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