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The Situation.
 The war is on and the campaign open. This is the shape of coming events. Cuba may be regarded as invested and ours. There will be no fighting at our sea-ports—because they must surrender, (the Spaniards) for the want of supplies. If they give up their Western possessions, there is nothing left them, but to war upon our commerce. If however they venture into Cuban waters with their armed vessels and beat us at sea they will be masters of the situation and hold their Western possessions. It seems to us that we cannot land an army in Cuba unless we know that the sea is ours—our people would be prisoners and starving on the island. Should the Spaniards hold to their shores, our ships would hunt them on the coasts of Spain and blockade them there. A few days must develop the tactics.

The Boys.
 They are always brave—but not always wise. They know enthusiasm—they know not wisdom. The talk of war rushes the blood—runs them wild. Friday night last the boys of the S. C. College with drums and shouts went in a body to the Governor's Mansion in Columbia and substantially pledged their military service to their country. Gov. Elberne accepted the demonstration as a tender of their services for the war. But College boys are not to fight this war. Only men and full grown men. The Governor is a young man himself and easily carried off his feet; he should have calmed the boys. They are mere lads. Men in the world and over twenty-one must fight it out for the honor of the flag. Men, and the older the better if they are to die.—This is the law of the case.

Who "Hit the First Liek?"
 Both parties to the trouble made an effort to place the responsibility upon the others—Congress and the President signed the resolutions—and delivered the ultimatum—Spain closed diplomatic relations, and it is war. When the Muse of history settles the point of right or wrong—but it won't matter.

A Clear Non Sequiter.
 First, You have behaved outrageously and inhumanly in starving your people.
 Second, You blow up our vessel and killed our sailors, 206.
 Therefore, we set your island free. This is not a logical or honest conclusion. From the premises the conclusion should read: We will avenge: We will sink your ships and take possession of your island.

The volunteer force will be called on to serve the country abroad if necessary. Those with the regular army, the organized militia or peace soldiers will be the "home guard" and serve on our coasts. As these will simply be on a picnic and oyster stew, it is understood they may join the volunteers and have a chance for glory.

Conditions and not a theory confront us in Cuba that have become enduring. Are we to suffer it, or is it our privilege and duty to put a stop to it? The American people, 73,000,000 strong, less a thousand non-combatants and Tories, have answered, and the commander in chief of the army and navy dare not refuse to obey.—Spartanburg Herald.

Yes, the responsibility seems mightily distributed. Not long since the Jingo papers were expecting the entire bill to speak at once.

Senator Allen, of Nebraska declared that he was quite satisfied that under the present arrangement, the island of Cuba would pass into the hands of "financial voracious and financial buzzards unless the United States should at once take measures to protect the island and its people."

That is to say, according to Mr. Allen we are to save the Cubans from Spanish rapacity, and then from our own.

A Paradox.
 Gallantry demands that the flag be loyally sustained in all lands. But the Queen Regent is a pretty young widow and the boy King only eleven.

Two Wars.
 The war with the Don's—the war of the Republicans and Democrats as to who shall handle the two thousand and odd millions in running the Government from 1901 to 1905 inclusive.

Senator Tillman in a reported talk to certain questions seems to suggest that the suggestion of the Prohibits may be voted for in the Democratic primaries and their votes counted.

MILLIONS GIVEN AWAY.
 It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on Dr. F. P. Posey and get a trial bottle free. Regular size 50 cents and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed or price refunded.

Quinine and other fever medicines take from 5 to 10 days to cure fever. Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic cures in ONE DAY.

THE RESOLUTION.
 Washington, D. C., April 19.—The resolution as finally agreed to is as follows:
 Joint resolution—Joint resolution for the recognition of the independence of the people of Cuba, demanding that the government of Spain relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba, and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters, and directing the President of the United States to use the land and naval forces of the United States to carry these resolutions into effect.

Whereas, The abhorrent conditions which have existed for more than three years in the island of Cuba, so near our own borders, have shocked the moral sense of the people of the United States, have been a disgrace to Christian civilization, culminating as they have in the destruction of a United States battleship, with 266 of its officers and crew, while on a friendly visit in the harbor of Havana and cannot longer be endured, as has been set forth by the President of the United States in his message to Congress of April 11, 1898, upon which the action of Congress, was invited, therefore

Resolved 1st, That the people of the island of Cuba are, and of right, ought to be free and independent.

2d, That it is the duty of the United States to demand, and the government of the United States does hereby demand, that the government of Spain at once relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters.

3d, That the President of the United States be, and hereby is directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States and to call into actual service of the United States to such an extent as may be necessary to carry these resolutions into effect.

4th, That the United States hereby disclaims any disposition or intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over said island except for the pacification thereof and asserts its determination when that is accomplished to leave the government and control of the island to its people.

We are selling suits to-day for \$7.50 to \$8.50 that are worth \$10.00 to 12.00.
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Ar. Greenwood.....	12 17 pm
Ar. Anderson.....	6 10 am
Ar. Laurens.....	4 15 pm	7 00 am
Greenville.....	3 00 pm	10 30 am
Glenn Springs.....	4 05 pm
Spartanburg.....	3 00 pm	9 25 am
Sabita.....	5 23 pm
Hendersonville.....	6 03 pm
Asheville.....	7 00 pm

Lv. Asheville.....	8 20 am
Spartanburg.....	11 45 am	4 30 pm
Greenville.....	11 30 am	4 00 pm
Laurens.....	1 30 pm	7 10 pm
Anderson.....	7 00 am
Greenville.....	2 28 pm	9 35 pm
Ar. Augusta.....	5 00 pm	11 10 am
Ar. Aiken.....	6 50 pm

Lv. Greenville.....	11 50 am
Ar. Clinton.....	2 10 pm
Newberry.....	2 57 pm
Prosperity.....	3 13 pm
Columbia.....	4 40 pm
Sumter.....	6 42 pm
Lanes.....	7 48 pm

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Edgelfeld Doctors at Harris Lithia.
 Edgelfeld was represented at Harris Lithia Springs last week, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the South Carolina Medical Association, by Drs. F. W. P. Butler, J. G. Tompkins and Robert Malvin Marsh, of our town, and Dr. D. Walter Outz, of Elmwood. Drs. Butler and Outz have long been members of the Association. Drs. Tompkins and Marsh joined it on this occasion. Our Edgelfeld men were delighted with Harris Lithia Springs—her site, her water, her management, her resources, her amusements and her courteous officials. Indeed so delighted were they that they voted enthusiastically with all the rest of the South Carolina doctors to meet at Harris Lithia Springs again next summer. Dr. Alvin Marsh, who is young and handsome and tippy and giddy, declares that he must go back to Harris Lithia Springs later on, to row pretty girls on the lovely lake, and to shoot the shoots from the heights above the lake down into the rippling waters. In these days, beyond all doubt, Harris Lithia Springs is the bright particular star of South Carolina.—Edgelfeld Chronicle.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all diseases put together, and until the last year was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment.—Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure in the market. It is taken internally in dose .com 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer One Hundred for any case that it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address,
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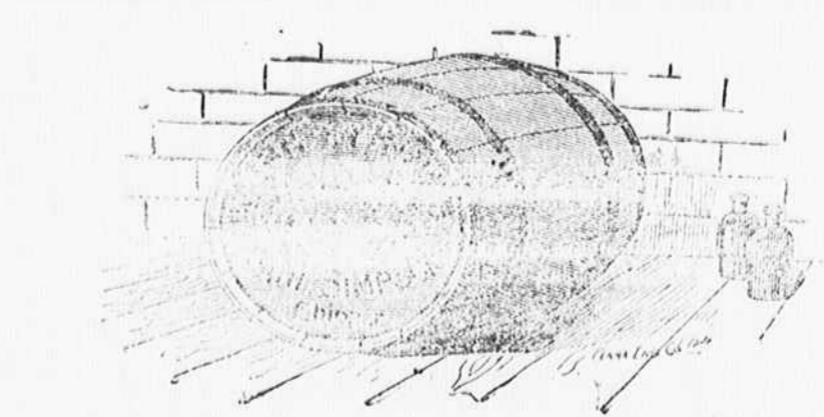
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