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**"BLOODY WAR" ETC.**

A British officer once heard of the declaration of war, with great gladness of heart, and he and his comrades drank to the toast of "Bloody War and Speedy Promotion." Probably something of the kind is now going on in military circles in the United States and in Spain, although if we are to believe the reports from Washington, Spain is only bluffing and will surrender Cuba, as soon as she is convinced that the United States is really in earnest.

Let the prophets keep the future to themselves. We feel more confidence in the sort of man, who says he will let you know what the weather will be tomorrow, when tomorrow night comes.

Is this trouble the outcome of the Munroe doctrine, or of the Maine disaster? Probably if the truth were really known the latter is the bigger factor. The Munroe doctrine is a peculiar sort of business, and may yet breed other complications than the relation of Cuba to Spain.

There seems to be a peculiar hatred of any kind of government but republican in the United States. Yet, their republic is not altogether a success, nor is the republican a form of government invented by them and on which they hold a patent. There were ancient republics, found unworkable and changed to monarchies. England, a republic now in all but name, was still more a republic in its early history, when its kings were elective. Our American friends seem utterly unable to appreciate any form of government in which the chief magistrate is called king instead of president. The difference between a prosperous, conquering nation, and an effete country, is to be found in the name which each gives its executive head. In fact, to our very powerful but super-sensitive neighbors, the name of "King" is like the proverbial red rag to the bull. It is the hateful thing. Yet all kings are not like George III. of doubtful memory.

What will become of Cuba? The Boston Herald, which has striven manfully for peace, although called coward, and everything else disagreeable, says:—"The resolution, which says that the people of Cuba 'are and of right ought to be free and independent,' opens a way for permitting the inhabitants of that island to decide what their political future is to be. If it is true that a majority of them desire absolute independence, the United States, under the terms of the above quoted resolution, must give them this. If, on the other hand, a majority of them, as is maintained in Spain, prefer to continue a connection with that country, and wish only for complete local autonomy, then under the aforesaid resolution the government of the United States must grant them this wish. It would be clearly nonsensical for our government to affirm that the people of Cuba 'are and of right ought to be free and independent,' and then when, as the result of an uninfluenced referendum vote, they decided that they preferred to continue their connection with Spain, to tell them that they should not be permitted to do this. If a majority of the people cannot have the government that they want, in what way can they be said to be either free or independent? For us to deny them this right would be to take upon ourselves a tyranny similar to that for which we are condemning Spain."

Wouldn't it be a funny thing, if a majority of the Cubans asked to remain attached to Spain? If that should turn out to be the case, why all this bloody war? To be sure speedy promotion may be desired among the "sodgers" but the wheels of commerce cannot be stopped to gratify their whims.

Is this war begun because the Cubans are oppressed, or because the Maine was blown up, or because the Munroe doctrine is threatened, or because Uncle Sam wants to blow himself?

Some Congressmen are terribly hurt in their pride, because Europe wishes to interfere to stop war. Why should not any interference honestly taken to stop war, be welcomed? Is the United States the whole of this world and the next, too? Is the entire earth subject to Washington and do the Stars in their courses fight the modern Sisera who may oppose them? We used to hear that the English regarded the kingdom of heaven as a British possession, but we are sure the United States think that the Munroe doctrine should apply there.

War may be inevitable sometimes, but 2000 years of Christianity should have nearly ruled it out. Christianity and War are utterly and unqualifiedly opposed to each other. Popular preachers like Talmage may talk otherwise, but let any man read Christ's

utterances in the four Gospels and judge for himself. St. Peter took up the sword in the righteous defence of his Master, and the Master healed the wounded enemy, and rebuked his apostle with this saying "All they that take the sword, shall perish with the sword."

So when we go to war let us, in decency, give up spouting religion. The religion which we all profess so fervently, and practice so negligently, is based on the precept "Resist not evil."

An American ironclad will meet a Spanish ironclad, and they will try to destroy each other, and bodies will be blown in the air, and souls hurried into eternity, with the charitable wish that the eternity may be one of suffering. And one ship or the other will be destroyed with all on board.

What a grand sign of Christianity and civilization? Who will say that 2000 years of Christianity has not made Christians of us?

If military braggadocio, and war are to be the programme for the world why not change our religion and once more return to the worship of the god, Mars?

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**Bruin on a Cowcatcher.**

Boston Transcript: Not long ago as a railroad train was passing through Wilder's Cut, near Olcut Run, Pa., the engineer was astonished to see a black bear coming around a curve. The cut is so narrow that there is hardly room for a man to stand aside and allow an engine to pass without striking him.

Bruin was more amazed than the engineer. Instead of stepping aside, he reared on his haunches and awaited events. The locomotive was running less than twenty miles an hour, for the place is a dangerous one. Upon seeing the bear the engineer shut off steam applied the breaks, but the distance was too short to escape accident. The cowcatcher slid under the hind legs of the brute and lifted him off the ground.

Thinking all trouble was over, the engineer put on steam once more, while the fireman climbed out of the cab window and stole along the guard rail to find out what had become of the bear. He was there, clasping the cowcatcher, the lower part of his body just grazing the ground and his head almost reaching the bottom of the headlight. He seemed to understand that the only thing he could do was to hold fast, and he did so during the run to the next station, ten miles distant. The station agent was standing at the depot door as the train approached. The sight of a full grown bear on the cowcatcher fairly took his breath.

As soon as the engine came to a standstill Bruin slipped from his perch and made a dash for freedom. This took him straight towards the agent, who dashed through the door, slammed it shut, leaped through the rear door, and went up the street at a furious rate, calling out: "Bear! bear! Somebody get a gun!"

Soon the town was in a turmoil, a yelling crowd following in hot pursuit of the bear, some of the boys pelting him with stones. Suddenly a big shepherd dog bounded out of a ward and dashed after the bear. Bruin paused a minute or two, but when he paused on the rash dog had no future interest in the proceedings.

At the street corner a lawyer carrying a double-barrelled gun came face to face with the bear, but the latter turned down the nearest alley.

The crowd increased and encircled the frightened animal, making escape impossible. Finding herself at bay, Bruin backed up against the barn, rearing on his haunches. The lawyer sent two bullets into the bear, whereupon the wounded animal charged the crowd. One urchin fell, was trampled upon, and had a leg broken. The lawyer slipped another bullet into his gun and sent the shot through Bruin's head and finished him.

By this time the engineer and fireman recalled the fact that a trainload of passengers were waiting at the station, and hurried back and resumed their official duties after a bear-hunt of about twenty minutes.

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