

that they are absolved from all allegiance to the Spanish crown, and that any political connection between them and Spain is and ought to be totally dissolved, and that they have, therefore, full power to do all acts and things which independent states may of right do; that it is their right to institute a new government for themselves, laying its foundations on such principles and organizing its powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness; and that with these rights the people of the United States do not propose to interfere.

Upon the objection of Senator Davis, the resolution went over for the day. Discussion was begun upon Senator Allen's resolution calling for an inquiry into the conduct of the war, which was interrupted by an adjournment out of respect to the memory of the late Representative Dingley.

After returning from the funeral obsequies of the late Mr. Dingley in the house of representatives, on Monday the 16th, the senate briefly transacted routine business and adjourned.

House.

On Thursday, the 12th, the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill for the year ending June 30, 1900, was taken up and passed.

The bill to reorganize and increase the efficiency of the personnel of the navy and marine corps was taken up on Friday the 13th and partly considered.

No business was done on Saturday the 14th, owing to the death of Representative Dingley.

Funeral ceremonies over the body of the late Mr. Dingley were held on Monday, the 16th, the senate and the president and his cabinet being present.

MISCELLANY

LUX E TENEBRIS.

For The Public.

O world of strife and anguish! O sin! O want! O care!
 O hearts that droop and languish with the crushing load ye bear!
 O conscious lack of duty! O crimson blush of shame,
 That stains the purest beauty, and damns the fairest fame!
 O life! O love of heaven! O hopes that in us burn!
 O blessed peace of sins forgiven, for which our tired hearts yearn!
 O pure unselfish striving toward heights we cannot gain!
 O truth, all scorn surviving! O grief for others' pain!
 O gull! O ceaseless molling! The last redeems the first.
 Love's peace shall bless, in tolling, the hearts that sin has curst;
 And love, the God-Man's essence, shall save all human life;
 And toll, the God-Man's presence, redeem the world from strife.
 And thou, O earth, must bear the cross with heaven's crucified.

Strong passion-throes must purge thy dross, and anguish crush thy pride;
 And the grapes thy vintage yieldeth must suffer being bruised;
 And the pearls thy cold sea shieldeth be brought to light and used.

T. G. ATKINSON.

BENEVOLENT ASSIMILATION.

A charitable boa-constrictor moved to compassion by the plaintive outcries of a succulent goat, interfered to rescue him from the clutches of a bloody tiger. The tiger, being of haughty and ancient lineage, resisted fiercely, although, by reason of the infirmities of extreme old age, his teeth and claws could inflict little damage. During the struggle the goat was filled with gratitude. Afterwards, the boa-constrictor was filled with goat.—N. Y. Evening Post.

MUFFLE THE LIBERTY BELL.

If we enter upon a colonial policy we must expect to hear the command "Silence!" issuing with increased emphasis from the imperialists. When the discussion of fundamental principles is attempted in the United States, if a member of congress attempts to criticize any injustice perpetrated by a government official against a helpless people, he will be warned to keep silent lest his criticism encourages resistance to American authority in the orient. If an author on the Fourth of July dare to speak of inalienable rights or refers with commendation to the manner in which our forefathers resisted taxation without representation, he will be warned to keep silent lest his utterances incite rebellion among distant subjects. If we adopt a colonial policy and pursue the course which incited the revolution of 1776 we must muffle the tones of the old liberty bell and commune in whispers when we praise the patriotism of our forefathers.—William Jennings Bryan.

THE CHILD IS FATHER OF THE MAN.

For The Public.

The imperialists represent Uncle Sam as once a boy in short jacket, but now grown to be a man, wearing a dress-coat, and so big that

He could stand like some tall steeple high, And while his feet were on the ground his hands could touch the sky.

This is the merest nonsense. A child understands the Uncle Sam myth. He knows that what Uncle Sam in short jackets stood for was the principle of eternal right as opposed to eternal wrong. To make him grow older is not to alter what he stands for. What was eternally right when he wore short jackets is eternally right now that he wears a claw-hammer coat. The child's

sense of justice will not permit that his Uncle Sam should domineer over young boys or young nations, simply because he has grown to be a big man, and carries revolvers, and swears, and chews tobacco, like other men and nations.

OLD SOLDIER.

"REMEMBER THE MAINE."

We have heard much of the motto, "Remember the Maine." If we are satisfied that the Maine was blown up from the outside we have a right to remember her with indignation; but without more conclusive evidence than we now have, we are not right if we charge criminality to persons. Therefore I conceive that the motto "Remember the Maine," used as a war cry, would not have been justifiable. I should like to make the point here, as I have made it elsewhere, that this great and free country, with its education, good intention, and universal moral influence, may go to war to punish, but not to revenge. Improperly applied, the motto "Remember the Maine" savors too much of revenge, too much of evil for evil, but it may be used in an entirely worthy sense.

During the recent war with Spain about 75 men were killed and wounded in the United States navy. Only 15 were killed. On board the Maine 254 men were killed outright and others died later—more than 17 times as many as were killed in the United States navy by the Spanish land and naval forces during the entire war. In the way that the men of the Maine died and suffered there was enough of the heroic to provide a sound foundation for the motto "Remember the Maine." Let us dismiss the prevailing impression that this motto was used in the United States navy in the recent war, as a battle signal. No United States naval vessel has entered into action flying the signal "Remember the Maine." I am glad that it can be stated; yet one may excuse many mistaken expressions in the heat of action.—Charles Dwight Sigsbee, U. S. N., Captain of the Maine, in The Century for January.

NOTE BY THE EDITOR OF THE CENTURY.

It may be said on the authority of Capt. John R. Bartlett, during the war chief intelligence officer of the navy: "The signal, 'Remember the Maine,' has never been displayed on a United States man-of-war, or by the army or navy, with one exception. A signal quartermaster (an enlisted man) of the coast signal service hoisted the signal from the station at