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How then shall the people protect themselves against the folly of a de-



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republics than armies with banners, you will not be necessarily wrong. As a vindication of our past methods it may occur to you that though a hundred years is but a day in the life of a nation, we have within such a short existence, by close adherence to our original design and purposes, astonished the world by our progress and the development of our vast possessions. With our first century's tremendous growth and advancement before your eyes as proof of the strength and efficiency of consistent Americanism you will find in the beginning of our second century proof of the abundance of our present domain in millions of acres of American territory still unoccupied while hundreds of Government officials wait to bestow it upon settlers. There are also other large areas of American soil yet untrodden by the foot of man, while our gates are still open to receive those who shall come from other lands to share our homes and

In view of these things, and considering our achievements in the past and our promise for the future, recalling what we have done and what yet rea grocer who persuaded her to buy a mains for us to do under the guidance of the rules and motives which have thus far governed our national life, we are surely entitled to demand the best of reasons for a change in our policy explanation of the conditions which make our acquisition of new and dis-WHY THIS CHANGE IN OUR POL-ICY?

Perhaps we should be satisfied with the excuse that such acquisition is necessary by way of warlike preparation or precaution. This, however, immediately suggests that we have found heretofore a constant source of congratulation in the fact that the contemplation of war and its contingencies is not and should not be familiar to our been our boast that a large standing military establishment and warlike precautions are not among the needs of a people whose victories are those of peace, and whose immunity from armed conflict is found in their freedom from the foreign relationships that give birth to war, and that though it has been abundantly demonstrated that the courage and splendid fighting qualities of our countrymen will never fail in time of need, it is still a grave question whether the cheapening of our esti-mate of the value of peace by dwell-ing upon war is calculated to improve the quality of our national character.

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exaction of a clear apprehension, on the part of those who would represent them in public life, of their nation's mission and of the baleful effect of war upon their nation's health. These considerations emphasize in the strongest possible manner the importance of a larger participation by thoughtful and educated men in political affairs. No man can lay claim in a proper

sense to true American citizenship who

does not interest himself in matters pertaining to our Government, who does not inform himself as to its designs and purposes, or who is not willing by actual interference to guard it against abuses and insidious perversion as well as against open attack. No one increases his claim to good citizenship who interests himself in public matters for purely selfish purposes and to accomplish personal ends. A man may acquire a knowledge of the principles of our Government, and

use his knowledge to mislead, and the pretense of devotion to these principles may mask nothing better than the advocacy of blind and mischievous If such things constituted good citizenship we might congratulate our country, for we have them in abun-

dance. Inasmuch, however, as they are really evils which sadly afflict and endanger us, it is of the utmost importance that there should be infused into our body politic the counteracting remedy of true, patriotic, unselfish American citizenship. This grows out of a love of our Government, for its own sake and for what

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That Wagner regarded America as a gold mine well worth exploitation by foreign artists appears from a letter which in 1848 he wrote to Franz Loebmann, music director at Riga, whose brother wanted financial assistance to go to America with an orchestra. Wagner advised Loebmann to assist his brother. He instances the case of a German musician who went to America as a poor man and in a very short time was in receipt of an excellent income, adding that a whole orchestra would certainly be still more lucky, for "in a country where villages are constantly growing into cities in five years there can be no lack of opportunities for the settlement of whole bands of musicians." Could anything be more deliciously naive than this last quotation?-Gustave. Kobbe in American Monthly Review of Reviews.

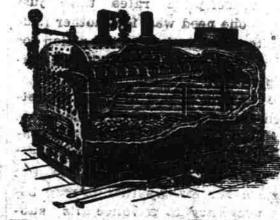
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