

"EXCITEMENT" AT YALE.

The Students' Way of Taking the International Situation.

Next to the President and his Cabinet the Yale student is more possessed in his mind as to the situation international than almost any others of his fellow Americans. A war sermon in the Chapel failed to bring his blood to a boil. He is, however, keenly alive to the picturesqueness of the situation. Life is more interesting with papers and people getting very excited. He will be ready if a time comes to act, but he is getting the juice of the orange now.

On Monday afternoon a few Sophomores, being impelled thereto by no exciting cause apparent to anyone, began parading on the Campus in front of Farnam Hall. Their cheers for "Cuba Libre" soon attracted more of their classmates and the company, now augmented till it numbered about thirty, marched to Pierson Hall on York street, where a large number of Sophomores room. Here about thirty more recruits were enrolled. From Pierson the company marched to the Hutchinson on Crown street, where still more Sophomores joined the parade. In front of the Hutchinson the recruits were divided into companies, while every man who was able to secure a sword appointed himself an officer. Two privates were dispatched to secure drums. The adjutant reported, after inspecting arms, that the company was provided with one musket, two brooms, two flags, and various swords and sabres. These arms were relics, for the most part, of the Civil War.

From the Hutchinson the Sophomores under the command of Provisional Colonel Julian Day, proceeded to the Green, where they marched, counter-marched, and charged imaginary regiments of Spaniards, to the considerable interest of the crowd which had gathered to watch them. After this drill the company marched through Phelps Gateway, gave a cheer for Cuba Libre and disbanded in front of Farnam.

"THE WAR CLUB."

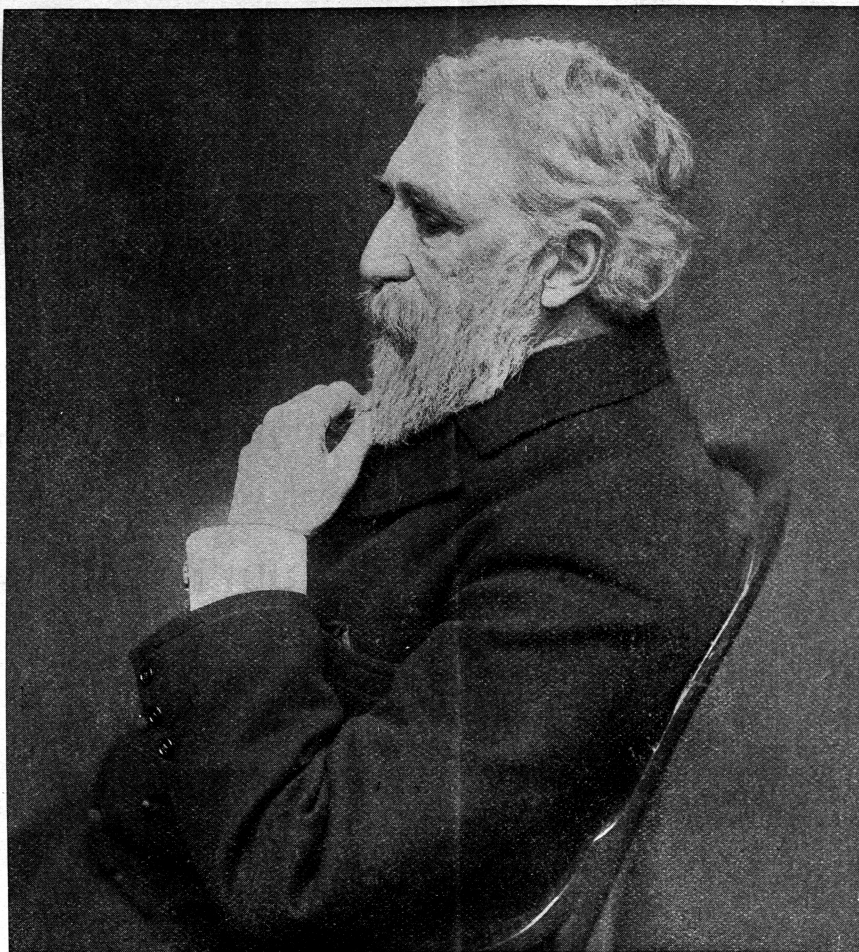
A short time ago circular letters were sent to chosen ones of Ninety-Nine, advising them of the opportunity to join a select fighting organization to be known as the Yale War Club. The organization was to travel somewhere and sometime on the Richard Peck, which was announced as "chartered" in the first official paper of the Club. Fully enough men responded to fill all the official positions, of which the following are the most important: Admirable, Main-Mast, Fore-Mast, Missing-Mast, Ballast, Anchor, Winder-of-the-Watch, Spinner-of-the-main top.

A lusty type of young America was drafted from the force of youth who sell war extras on Chapel street, who soon learned how to salute all the officers of the line. This severe lesson being learned by the "crew" the Club was declared organized on a war basis, and the officers held frequent speech with one another, and thoroughly canvassed the situation, preparing to strike a hard blow at the first sign of trouble. It was found necessary to send frequent telegrams, by one of which the Admirable was summoned hurriedly to his post of duty from one of the chief play houses of the city.

FIRST PLAN EXECUTED.

The main part of the history of the War Club is yet to be made. An expedition started South under sealed orders, and within an incomprehensibly short time ciphered back to headquarters that it had carried out the main part of the program. A person who is "close to the administration" has since been in conversation with a gentleman well known to the reporter of the paper, whose reliability he can unquestioningly vouch for. The friend of this paper's correspondent's friend says he has the strongest circumstantial evidence for the assertion that the main work outlined for this expedition was "to wet the Dry Tortugas." It was felt that this would do more to relieve the situation than any other move.

With this light on the policy of the War Club the rejoicing that followed the receipts of the news from the Southern Squadron can be understood. But the pleasure was short-lived. The cable had hardly coaled, when the brief word



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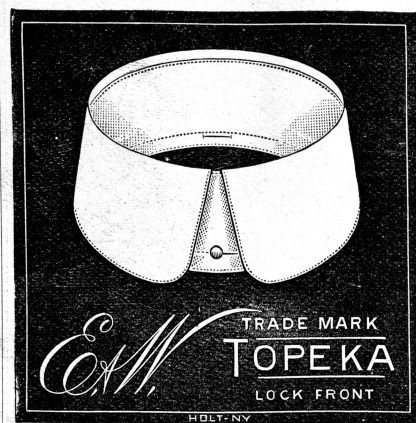
came: "Crew has deserted. He gives no reason." As the WEEKLY went to press, the War Club was still without this branch of the service. Frequent attempts at enlistment had been rendered ineffectual by the craze for employment in the minor parts of the Elizabethan dramas now being given every few hours on the Campus.

Contents "Law Journal."

A feature of the March number of the Yale Law Journal, of especial interest to graduates, is an article on the Lampsom Will case by Safford E. North, Surrogate, of Batavia, N. Y., who rendered the decision upholding the will.

The issue is essentially a Yale number, containing, as it does: an article by Judge Samuel O. Prentice, '73, on "What Causes of Action May be Joined in One Court under the Connecticut Practice Act"; The Townsend Oration, "Lynching: Its Cause and Cure," pronounced last June by Joseph E. Proffit, '79 L. S., and an editorial by Prof. Theodore S. Woolsey, '72, on the responsibility of the Spanish Government for the Maine disaster.

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