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DEWEY AS A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

During Admiral Dewey's long homeward journey so many conflicting reports filled the press concerning his views on the Philippine question that the American public waited with intense longing to catch his first expressions on the Olympia's arrival in New York harbor.

In the Associated Press account of the talk had with Dewey by the representative of that paper—the New York Evening Post—while the admiral was frankly quoted respecting what he said as to Aguinaldo's utter unreliability and insincerity, nothing appeared to throw positive light on the admiral's opinion of the righteousness of the American cause and the progress of our arms in the Philippines.

The Post had little to say on this latter proposition, but the admiral's reported emphatic disclaimer of allegiance to the republican party left more or less room for the broad insinuation that, in the absence of any particular political "predilection," the democratic party had as much right to lay claim to the hero as any other party.

It now appears, however, that the New York Post was not the only paper to which the admiral accorded the courtesy of an interview. In fact he has talked with several papers since his first appearance off Sandy Hook.

Among the eastern exchanges which reached the Astorian office yesterday was the Philadelphia Times. The "Times" is known far and wide as one of the leading and most reliable democratic papers in the country.

The entire interview as published in the "Times" is too long for reproduction in these columns, but the following extracts will serve to show the demerits of Oregon what the admiral thinks of the Philippine situation and also of the gabble that has been heard about his acceptance of the presidential nomination.

Admiral Dewey was seen this morning on his flagship, the Olympia, as she lay at anchor at the southwest spit. He was busy writing letters in his cabin in the breach of an 8-inch gun at his elbow, when the first visitors to the flagship boarded.

He emphatically expressed his absolute confidence in the ability of the United States to settle the question of the Philippines, and as emphatically declined, even with a show of irritation, to talk about the attitude of Admiral Diederichs at Manila.

When asked what he thought of the mention of his name for the presidency, the gallant seaman braced his shoulders, thrust out his right hand expressively and laughed good naturedly before he replied:

"They don't know me." "General Joe Wheeler has been mentioned as your running mate." "Well, well, is that true? A fine mess we two would make of it. The army and navy. That's too good, really, to be true. You know the old saying, 'Once a soldier always a soldier.' That covers Wheeler's case."

"Then it is once an Admiral, always an admiral," was suggested. "Yes that covers my case," laughed Dewey.

"But the change would be only to another craft, the ship of state," was said. "Too much of a change, too much," replied Dewey. "Now, Wheeler has had some political training in his life, but for me, my son, I know as much about politics as Bob here," said the admiral, stooping to stroke the dog's head and dismissing the subject with one of his expressive gestures.

In answer to a question regarding the situation in the Philippines, Admiral Dewey wheeled half way round on his heel and said briskly: "There are a good many questions on which I may be expected to talk, but I will have to defer to a great extent my opinions until I have reported to Washington. I shall go there on Tuesday, and I cannot say how long my stay at the capital will be. I have many intimate friends there and so long as the government sees fit to keep me there I shall stay. As to the Philippines I am no talker; never was. I have often wished that I could talk, but I never made a speech, and I'm too old to learn those tricks. You know as much about the Philippines as I do. Any intelligent American citizen who has followed with the right interest what has happened there since we whipped the Spanish fleet knows as much of that problem as I or any man aboardship."

"Ever since I left the islands I have read everything bearing upon the islands and what has transpired there since we left that I could obtain. At the time I left I said that the insurgents were on their last legs. It's got to come, they can't hold out against the army and navy. I believed then that they would be unable to secure the arms and ammunition, without which they could not wage war, but I have learned through the newspapers since that they have received the necessary supplies. That must be stopped, and the insurgents will then be of little strength."

"Do you consider that the Filipinos are yet capable of self-government, at least enough to allow of the withdrawal of the American forces?" "No, they are not, but in time they will be. It is bound to come out right. Bound to," replied Admiral Dewey decisively.

"I will say this much though for the Filipinos. They are more capable of governing themselves than the Cubans are."

"Some of them, I doubt not, are now capable of administering affairs, but the great majority of them have the crudest ideas of an honest and efficient government. Their greatest fault is this: They don't know the meaning of the word 'honest.' Of course, like all Malays who have had educational advantages, they are wonderfully capable of imitative construction and are admirable artisans when trained."

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