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**WAR TALK IN THE EAST.**

From the Inter-Ocean.

The De Lome incident has cleared the decks for action. The ex minister's letter betrayed the animus of Spain's representative and the weakness of the Spanish cause in Cuba. It was testimony from a most important witness that the moderation of President McKinley, his patience and courtesy, had been thrown away, had been wasted on a government and a people who could not appreciate the character and conduct of the executive, and who could not understand the temper of the American people.

The offensiveness of the De Lome letter was bad enough, but the admissions as to Spanish duplicity were infinitely worse. President McKinley might have hesitated to take cognizance of the personal feature of the letter, but he could not hesitate with the other features of the letter and the action of the Spanish cabinet in mind. The whole personal equation has been subordinated to a question of national sentiment and national policy.

Minister De Lome in his letter written weeks ago admitted the failure of Spanish policy in Cuba—practically admitted the impossibility of conquering a peace; and yet his government had asked President McKinley to give the new policy a fair trial, and De Lome himself was pleading for more time. The Spanish premier and the Spanish minister to the United States knew that the forbearance of the United States government was based on the theory that the Sagasta ministry would honestly endeavor to carry out a policy looking toward peace in Cuba. Abandon this theory and there is no longer a reason for forbearance. Minister De Lome in his confidential letter to a friend abandoned the theory when he admitted the failure of the policy. His action and the action of the Spanish cabinet release the president from every implied or written promise as to further delay. The letter and the comments of the Spanish papers on it, show such lack of appreciation of the president's efforts, such utter failure to comprehend the restraints that he imposed upon himself in the interests of the new government in Spain, such ignorance of the real sentiment and spirit of the American people, that neither Spanish minister, nor ministry, nor nation deserve further consideration.

With their president flouted at; with their honest sympathies and sentiments sneered at, with their national pride and spirit scoffed at, the American people will stand almost as one man behind the president to resent insult and resist further concessions to a power that has used the forbearance of a generous people to further its own barbarous policy in Cuba.

As the time for the Republican convention draws near, more or less talk about the candidates who shall carry the party banners becomes a matter of necessity. One thing is certain, the delegates to the coming state convention will have abundant material from which to choose, and the probable delegates would do well to carefully consider the relative names mentioned. It has been hinted slightly in the newspapers that the name of Hon. George H. Williams would be brought before the convention for governor, and if it is, the Republican party can do itself no greater credit than by giving him the nomination. Judge Williams stands as the foremost statesman of Oregon, and the people would gladly elevate him to any office within their gift. Should he accept the nomination, his election would follow as a certainty, and a clean, able administration would be assured. It would be better for the state of Oregon had it more men within its borders like Judge Williams, and it will be a fortunate day for the state when it can inaugurate him as its governor. The name of Claude Gatch of Salem has been mentioned as a possible candidate for secretary of state, and he would make a most excellent running mate for Judge Williams.

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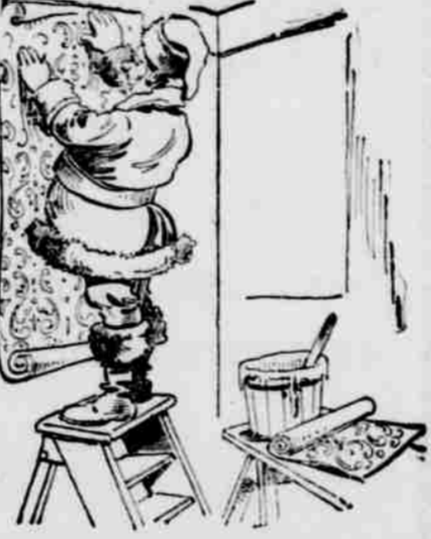
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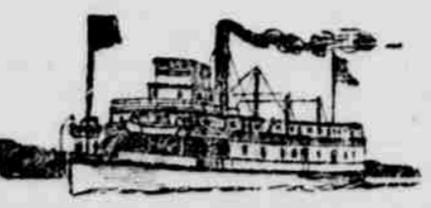


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