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UNJUST CRITICISM.

Just what reason some senators and representatives may have for criticism of President McKinley's message is a little hard to see. The president undoubtedly remembers that it is congress which has the right and privilege to declare war, and the executive at best can only recommend. In his message the president has made a full and correct statement of the present situation, and now congress has the power to declare war if it like. McKinley has made laudible efforts to settle the difficulty without resort to war. Seemingly his labors in this direction have been unavailing, and the only thing remaining to do was to lay the whole matter before congress and allow it to take such action as it see fit. The president has done this, and congress is in control of the situation.

Upon the face it looks as if certain senators and representatives see in attacking the president's motives their only opportunity to achieve notoriety, and they eagerly grasp the chance. President McKinley has not been direct in his duty; he has put the nation upon a war footing, and while the diplomatic negotiations were going on, there was no sloth in preparing means of defense for the nation.

Let congress go ahead and declare war; but let it also cease trying to make political capital out of the president's action when no wrong can be found therein.

The secretary of the interior has sent a report to congress asking an appropriation of \$8,000,000 to supply the deficiency in the amount of money required for the payment of this year's pensions. In 1890 the list of pensioners contained 538,000 names. It now contains 1,000,000 names; at least, a month ago it contained with 400 of that number. The appropriation for pensions in 1890 amounted to \$72,000,000. For the present year \$148,000,000 will be required to pay the army and navy pensioners. The increase in the number of pensioners and in the amount of the pension appropriation since 1890 is about ninety per cent in each case.

President McKinley's desire to settle the Spanish difficulty without resort to arms has led him to be imposed upon by the Madrid government. Spain's latest proposal for an armistice is simply a ruse for gaining time, but in this instance it will avail nothing. The Rubicon has been crossed, and nothing but a complete back-down upon the part of Spain will avert war. Which of two evils, turmoil at home or strife abroad, Spain may take is a matter of conjecture yet; but it looks as if nothing would do her but a severe drubbing by this country, and she will get it.

Those who are conversant with the situation prophesy that the Simon delegation from Multnomah county will be seated in the district convention and the anti-Simon delegation will be recognized in the state convention. Such a division as this will be unfortunate for the party. We trust the matter will be finally settled this time one way or the other, so that the same factional fight will not come up again two years from now.

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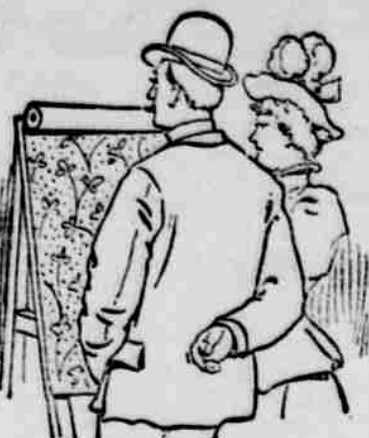
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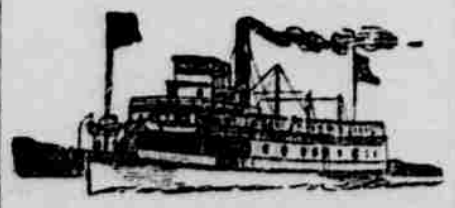
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