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THE PRESIDENT.

A great deal of this criticism going on about President McKinley is mere twaddle. We cannot see what great harm has been done through the president's action. It is true opinion may differ as to the wisdom of his judgment in treating the destruction of the Maine as an incident and not as a cause of war; but under the findings of the naval board it would have been hard for the president to force war on an issue which a board of inquiry had not been able to find chargeable to Spain. Still, we believe it would have been better had the president done so, and an expression of difference of opinion upon the part of the press and people is perfectly in order. But to charge the president with being unpatriotic and vacillating when he has shown a firm and dignified purpose throughout, reverts more on his detractors than the executive himself.

It was an exceedingly trying and difficult position, and we believe McKinley has conducted himself as well as any other man could have done. He has placed the responsibility of declaring war where it belongs—with congress, and if it want war, congress can so declare. The president does not run the country; he is only a factor in it, and though a potential one, he can do nothing more in this instance than to lay the whole matter before congress for such action as that body thinks. To criticize is easy, but how many of those who criticized could have done as well under the circumstances?

The sailing of the flying squadron under sealed orders is tantamount to a declaration of war. Undoubtedly the purpose of the American fleet is to meet the Spanish flotilla somewhere off Porto Rico and intercept it. The Spaniards have been reinforced by a couple of battleships, and when Commodore Schley's vessels meet them the first great naval battle of recent years will be fought. There may be other orders contained in the sealed directions to Commodore Schley, but it seems reasonable to believe that the American ships have gone to meet the Spanish vessels. While from a national standpoint the interest in the coming engagement is intense, it will also be watched with absorbing attention by the civilized world. It has never been demonstrated how the new battleships will act in an engagement. That the conflict will be deadly all will agree, but our confidence in American brain, brawn and patriotism leaves no doubt in the mind where the victory will lie.

A project is under way to have The Dalles lighted by the new gasolite light manufactured by a company in Goldendale. We have not had the opportunity to examine closely into the plan, but at first sight it has occurred to THE CHRONICLE that a considerable increase in insurance rates would undoubtedly result from the introduction and use of the new light. We would like to hear a discussion of the merits and defects of the proposed plan, and the

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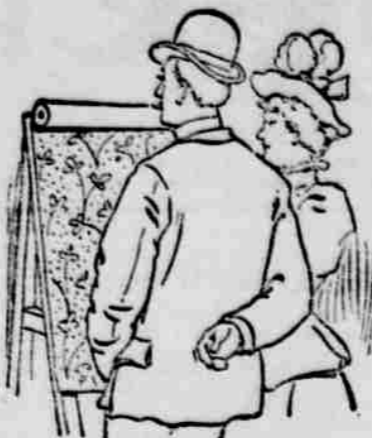
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