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THE NEXT FIGHT.

If America wins a decided victory in the next naval battle, it is nothing more than reasonable to expect that the end of the war is not far removed. The effect of Dewey's victory has been very marked in bringing dismay to the Spaniards, as well as making the European nations believe that nothing but ultimate defeat is in store for Spain. The Queen Regent is preparing to seek refuge out of her own dominions, while the Spanish ministers are in trepidation lest the anger of the populace tempt them to deeds of violence.

It is too much for hope that Admiral Sampson may obtain such a victory as Dewey's. Spain will fight with the determination of despair. Her fleet in the Atlantic is stronger than that which the American commander fought and destroyed at Manila, and there is time to make every necessary preparation.

The world may well pause in awful contemplation when the American and Spanish ships come together. It will be the greatest sea fight in history, as well as the deadliest. The results of the working of human ingenuity for centuries are seen in the modern battleships, and, directed by men of long training and peculiar ability in such lines, they will be fearful engines of destruction. But it is better that the next engagement be a fierce one and demonstrate to Spain, if such a lesson is needed, that surrender is not only wise, but necessary.

WHAT WILL HE DO WITH IT?

Here is more trouble for the uneasy mortals who were afraid Commodore Dewey would be defeated at Manila. These same men are now afraid that as the commodore has captured Manila neither he nor the United States government will know what to do with it. They are afraid the commodore can't let go with the remarkable facility with which he took hold.

It will be time enough to climb over that fence when we come to it. In the meantime the United States will hold Manila under military rule just as it would hold, or as any other country would hold, any other city captured during a war. The question of disposition need not be considered now at all. That will be decided by those who frame a treaty of peace.

For the first time since the Mexican war, says the Inter Ocean, the United States is compelled to occupy foreign territory, but she is not called upon to offer any explanations. The rules of war, observed by all civilized nations, cover the case. Commodore Dewey will maintain order in the captured territory, and will use it in the interest of his own country, making such regulations as will guard the interests of other nations and protect the lives and property of the people.

There is to be a merry fight over the office of district attorney for Multnomah county. Already five candidates are in the field. Of these two have been nominated by conventions, and the remainder by petition. This position is one of the most lucrative in the state, and it is small wonder that so many desire the place. A spasmodic effort has been made to place the district attorney's office on a salary basis, but the attempt heretofore has failed. The emoluments of the position are said to reach \$20,000, which are far in excess of what they should be.

Portland has a hard time of it with her extra vagant salaries and high taxes, but no one is to blame for the situation but her own citizens. It is simply a case of too much politics.

Dewey's dispatch reads like a message from some Roman conqueror who had captured everything in eight and was sending the good news home. If it be true that the Americans sustained no loss while dealing death to hundreds of Spaniards, the report reads more like a fairy tale than a description of a modern sea fight.

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