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JOHN HAY AND W. R. DAY.

The appointment of Mr. John Hay as secretary of state will be approved by the nation. It is doubtful if President McKinley could have chosen a person in every way more fit. Certainly he could have made no better choice from the circle of his close friends, and at present it is to be desired that the secretary of state shall be in full accord with the policy of the president. This is of the more importance since the president earnestly disclaims any "personal policy" in the matter of the Philippines, and expresses himself as anxious to learn and to be guided by the opinion of the best-informed and most judicious element of the body politic. No man can give more effectual aid to the president than Mr. Hay in arriving at a right conclusion as to that opinion.

During his active political life, which began in early youth, Mr. Hay has been both in close touch with the people as a mass and with the able men who, rising from the mass of the people, have become its trusted leaders. While in little more than the adolescent stage Mr. Hay went through the war for the union, and in the prime of life he became joint author of the most complete and most philosophic history of that great struggle. He was the associate of the statesmen of a stirring period, and from them imbibed the pioneer spirit of the great diplomats of the United States of America. Subsequently he widened his diplomatic experience at two courts on the European continent. As American ambassador to the court of St. James, Mr. Hay has won a fine and enduring reputation. He has been an American in a foreign metropolis. When one remembers Lowell, Phelps and Bayard, and their glorifications of all that was British, and their feeble justifications, if not rhetorical exculpation, of all that was distinctly American, there comes a thrill of pride in reading the official and ex-official speeches of Ambassador Hay. He is the first, for many years at least, of United States representatives in London who has known how to be polite without being fulsome, diplomatic without being obsequious, and broad-minded without sacrifice of his Americanism.

Welcome as Mr. Hay's appointment will be to the American people, the whole nation cannot but view with regret the retirement of William R. Day. Handicapped by the singularity meritorious record of his predecessor, Mr. Olney, without noteworthy knowledge of affairs of state, Mr. Day entered his high office an untried man. But from a crisis more severe than any which had tried the temper of an administration since Lincoln fell he has emerged with the enduring fame of a statesman. He managed the foreign affairs of this nation while it was passing from the ranks of a third-rate to that of a first-rate power, and was a leader in the councils that determined the affairs of the world. At the outbreak of the war with Spain foreign interference was more than a possibility. With consummate tact, yet with unflinching firmness, Secretary Day has averted or baffled every scheme or intrigue that threatened the free action of the United States in the final determination of the most momentous of its foreign wars. And now that he retires he leaves his office respected by all the cabinets of the world, and with the abundant gratitude of all who wish for this republic a glorious and a prosperous future.—Inter-Ocean.

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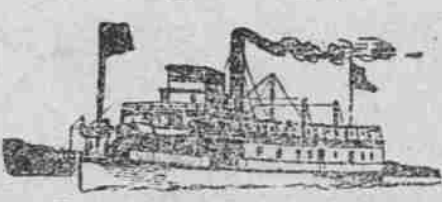
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