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#### ON TO PARIS.

The United States peace commissioners received their final sealed instructions Thursday, and will sail from New York Sept. 15th. It is expected that the joint commission will begin work at Paris before the month closes.

Just what the instructions given are is a state secret, but the report from Washington is that they are entirely satisfactory to the members of the commission who are in sympathy with popular demand to hold the Philippines, and that the conclusion of the whole matter will be Spain's elimination from the list of colonial nations.

The first impulse of the administration was, apparently, to regard Manila as the Hong Kong of the United States, but upon reflection it was seen to be impracticable to dissociate Manila, bay or city, from the island of Luzon. It is hardly less impracticable to disassociate that island from the rest of the Philippine group. It is supposed that the American commissioners are instructed to announce at once that at least the entire island of Luzon must remain in the hands of the United States. Perhaps Spain itself will take the position that the entire group must be treated as a unit. If not at first, it might be led finally to do so when other details come to be considered. Diplomacy is not a lost art even in America.

Short as was the time between the signing of the peace protocol and the sealing of the instructions to the peace commission, it was long enough for the whole civilized world to have its attention focused on the colonial readjustment made necessary by the war between the United States and Spain. With one voice the parties not in interest have declared in favor of this republic's taking upon itself substantially all the colonial obligations of Spain. Never since there was a newspaper press has there been such unanimity in the editorial opinion of the world. Wherever published, and in whatever language, the journals of civilized countries have arrived at the same general conclusion. The governments of the world seem to share in this remarkable consensus of public opinion. Nor has the Spanish government or press shown any disposition to find fault with it. This absence of protest from Spain warrants the hope that either Spain will refuse to accept the mere scraps and tailings of its colonies, or that, when the American demand is fully made, it will be promptly acquiesced in.—Inter Ocean.

General Garcia assures his Cuban friends that they have nothing to gain by opposing the pacification measures of the United States. He might say with equal truth that the Cubans will find it greatly to their advantage to support the policy of the United States.

If Spain had only stopped to think that there are in this country 240,698 public school houses and 14,465,870 children in the public schools, it would have chosen some other antagonist. The difference in the men behind the guns began in the school rooms.

There is not a military bureau in Europe that does not consider the war a remarkable success for the United States. The later partisan developments will not cause a change of opinion.

The small loss of life in the American navy and the freedom of the sailors from disease during a summer

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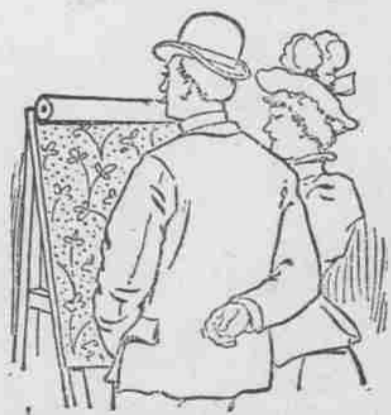
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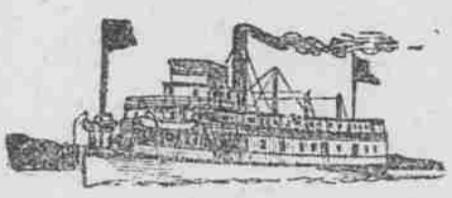
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