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#### THE PARIS COMMISSION.

It does not yet appear just what Spain will hold out for in the treaty deliberations about to begin in Paris. Rumors from Madrid indicate that at the outset the Spanish commissioners will contend for continued sovereignty over the Philippines and for certain conditions regarding the Cuban debt. It is natural that the Spanish representatives should propose larger concessions than they expect to get. The chief Spanish desire, and the same purpose was manifested throughout the war, is to introduce European complications. No one doubts that certain nations of Europe would be glad to secure a footing at the Philippines, and nothing would be more grateful to Spanish diplomacy than to use this feeling to our disadvantage. As for the Cuban debt, a large number of European investors hope that it will not be a total loss and that at least a partial provision for it will be made in the treaty. Some pressure from this source will be exercised chiefly at Madrid, and may have considerable influence there. A debt also hangs over the Philippines, and Spain will make the most of it if compelled to give up all or a part of the group. The Eastern possessions are evidently the main Spanish reliance for saving something from the wreck.

A moment's thought is enough to show that further Spanish sovereignty in the Philippines is impossible. The insurgents would at once take possession if the United States withdrew. Aguinaldo and his followers would be irrepressible. They have arms and are now experienced soldiers. Sovereignty for Spain would be continued war conducted at great expense. A strong navy for distant service would be necessary. Taking into view the financial condition of Spain, the only reasonable view is that the Philippines would be sold to a European power. This fact reduces the situation at the Philippines to a financial footing of some kind, and probably the question will speedily take this form at Paris. France would be a preferred bidder, and so would Germany. But no door is open by which they can enter. This country is treating with Spain alone and assumes throughout that the latter is a conquered nation. We shall retain a primary hold on the whole of the Philippines, and upon that basis Spain must make the best bargain it can, dealing with us exclusively.

The Cuban debt is such an enormity that it can have but little standing even for discussion. In 1886 the first Cuban bonds were issued to the extent of \$124,000,000, at 6 per cent interest. They were guaranteed by a lien on Cuban customs, by all the revenues of the island, and, finally, by the Spanish treasury. In 1890 bonds amounting to \$175,000,000, at 5 per cent, with similar guarantees, were sold. Nearly the whole amount, or \$290,000,000, is outstanding. These bonds are the result in part of the former insurrection, though antedating the last revolt by from five to nine years. During the last struggle with insurgents \$160,000,000 more "Cuban bonds" were disposed of, forming a total of \$450,000,000. The third loan was made a lien on Spanish customs also. On January 1st last there was a floating Cuban debt of \$75,000,000. It would take nearly \$600,000,000 to clear off the debt Spain has piled up against Cuba. A dispatch from Madrid says the Spanish government will undertake to carry out the guarantees of the Cuban debt only until the island itself is in a position to assume the obligations. That time will never come.

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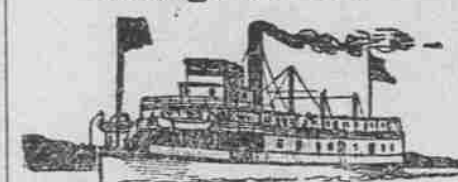
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