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SPAIN MUST BEND TO THE ROD

It becomes clearer every day that Spain, with all her old cunning, is playing for delay in the adjustment of affairs in Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines. In this she is inspired both by mercenary and political motives. While she retains control of the customs machinery in Cuba and the Philippines, every day turns into her treasury much-needed money. Many of her public men are familiar enough with American politics to know that President McKinley's expansion policy may be affected by the result of the congressional elections. If there should be a Democratic victory in November, Spain would assume a more defiant attitude, would insist upon conditions not contemplated now, and would make a stubborn resistance to the McKinley program in the belief that congress would not sustain the president.

In this belief, the public men of Spain are haggling over the Cuban and the Philippine debts and are quibbling about the technicalities of evacuation in Cuba and Porto Rico. All this is preposterous. The case is in the hands of the United States, not in the hands of Spain. A prompt settlement depends solely on the attitude taken by our government. It should be made clear to the Madrid government at once that we shall not assume any debt in Cuba, Porto Rico, or the Philippines. Spain would not dream of renewing the war because of a \$40,000,000 item in the Philippines. She has no sea power to enforce any demand whatever. She has arranged to send home her military reserves, and her armies in Cuba and Porto Rico are at the mercy of the United States. She is in no condition to make a single effective demand, and the American people are in no mood to tolerate any temporizing to the disadvantage of the United States and to the benefit of the conquered nation.

It is the duty of our government to exhibit in Paris the same spirit and energy that were displayed in the conduct of the war. The vigor with which military and naval operations were pushed was as effective in closing the war as was the capture of Santiago itself. Short as the war was, it cost us \$360,000,000. We are asking no indemnity. This is treating Spain with more magnanimity than has been shown any defeated nation in modern times. In the war of 1871 France lost two of her most flourishing provinces and paid an indemnity of \$1,000,000,000. If no indemnity is exacted from Spain, and if the United States claims only the territory which she has conquered, there can be no question of our assuming any debt for any island.

There should be no delay in the evacuation of Cuba or Porto Rico. The United States owes it to the Cubans and the Porto Ricans to assume control as soon as possible. Waiting while Spain quibbles over minor conditions is simply an inducement to disorder and anarchy. It would serve the purpose of Spain to promote the rule of outlawry, but the United States is not interested in serving the purpose of Spain. She is pledged to establish order, to prevent outlawry, to give the people of all the conquered territory a stable government; and she must proceed to do this with reference to the people of Cuba and Porto Rico and the Philippines, and not with reference to the convenience of Spain. Clearness in the statement of the American purpose, firmness in exacting compliance with the instructions of this government, and repudiation of any pur-

pose to consider the possibility of Spain's unloading any debt upon us, constitute the policy which will bring to us most speedily a complete and lasting peace.—Inter Ocean.

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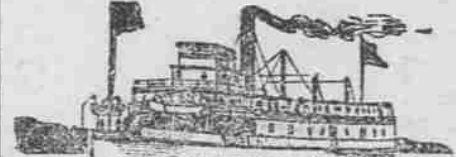
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