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KEEP THE ARMY AND NAVY IN HAND.

It has been generally assumed that hostilities with Spain are over, but the first rumor from the treaty commission, especially those from Madrid, do not foreshadow a speedy end to the negotiations. Our demands will soon be made known, but the disposition of Spain will be disclosed by a process of subtleties peculiar to its conduct of foreign relations. The efforts to frame a treaty at Paris may fail. It is important to remember that the war is suspended, not definitely settled. Nearly two months have passed since the protocol was signed, and we hold no Cuban territory that was not in our hands at that time. The Spanish in Cuba have construed immediate evacuation as equivalent to inertia for several months. Several thousand Spanish troops have been withdrawn from Porto Rico, but the army there was comparatively small and the island in any case is not defensible. Spanish resistance in the Philippines is broken down, but it is there that Madrid will play its most cunning cards. The situation requires care and readiness. We know from recent events the value of preparation. It is the part of wisdom to keep our military resources ready for immediate use.

Beyond doubt the army has been reduced quite as far as existing circumstances warrant. Any deficiency of troops will be perfectly well known in Spain and will not tend to bring about a satisfactory treaty. Spain thus far has yielded to force, and it is force in the background that will impel it to yield all that is essential. It was impervious to reason before the war, and is the same today except on compulsion. There is still in Cuba a Spanish army of perhaps 100,000 men. With a deadlock in Paris General Blanco may again say: "Come and put us out." Our people are unwilling to have the negotiations at Paris strung out for months. There is no occasion for it. Such status is not one of peace. It will be almost as costly as war. We asked no money indemnity from Spain, but this altogether exceptional liberality was based on the idea that the acceptance of the protocol would be quickly followed by a treaty properly deciding every point at issue.

A striking example of the strain placed upon our little regular army has just been given. Part of the regiment that fought at Santiago is now battling with the Indians in Minnesota. Some of its men were slain in October in Minnesota. We need every man who is now in service, and the occasion for keeping every regiment will not pass until a suitable treaty is signed or the fighting renewed and pushed beyond further contingencies. That alertness and the most intelligent foresight prevail in the navy is taken for granted. Not a ship should be parted with that would be needed in case the peace commissioners fail.

To be forearmed will greatly assist our representatives at Paris. They are dealing with a nation that is perverse according to its opportunities, and that we shall be compelled to assume an attitude of sharp decision is scarcely open to doubt. An ample army and navy waiting for the word of command is a necessity.—Globe-Democrat.

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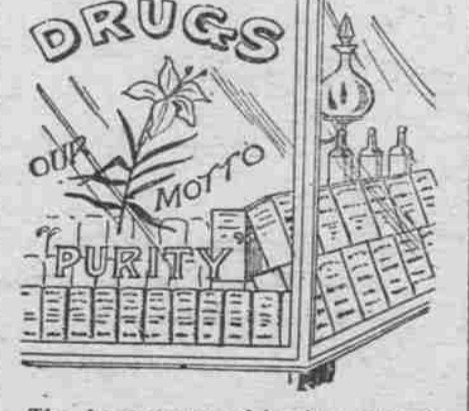
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