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THE SERVICES OF JUDGE DAY.

It has been said that in every emergency in this country the men for the occasion are soon found. They may be comparatively obscure before, and such is usually the case, but by some discernment of the people, or those whom they invest with authority, the right leaders are singled out for every serious crisis. Such was the case in the civil war. Grant seemed to be a phenomenon, but he had the qualities needed, not only to win a succession of great campaigns, but to wipe out the armies opposed to him. He was a clerk in a small town when the war broke out. In the present year of great events for the United States, involving new and difficult questions, Judge William R. Day, late secretary of state, and now chairman of the peace commission in Paris, has made a record, proving that a man of singularly high ability in statesmanship has been discovered. The services he has rendered the people have won their admiring appreciation and he will be a historical figure in the annals of the conflict with Spain.

It was not until he had been at the head of affairs for more than two months that President McKinley asked Judge Day to assume the labors of assistant secretary of state. The judge had been selected to make a special investigation in Cuba, but the president felt the need in the cabinet of his calm and judicial qualities, along with his vigorous power of concentration and clear insight. It is needless to mention the date when Judge Day was officially installed as secretary of state. He had been such virtually long before the destruction of the Maine. It was he who handled the episode of the De Lome letter, the correspondence on the Maine, and the incidents of the intense strain preceding the war. After hostilities began there were delicate relations with the European powers to handle. The protocol is a monument to Judge Day's acumen, and his work in negotiating the treaty has been of the same strikingly high order. He has made no mistakes. Every American demand has been conceded. There are no awkward complications. With the skill of a perfect pilot Judge Day has conducted his labors without a jar or an error.

President McKinley was criticised for calling this "country lawyer" to to the head of the cabinet, but the result not only shows that he made the best choice, but that he has in a rare degree the power of judging the capacities of men. Judge Day is not a seeker of office. He resigned the position of United States judge to look after his private practice. He resigned the position of secretary of state when the defeat of Spain was assured. It will be observed that from first to last he has conducted his duties without friction. He is always cool, discreet, courteous, comprehensive in grasp, clear in preception, and calmly master of the situation. He has had weighty dealings with the Spanish ministers, the French intermediary, and the ambassadors of Europe, and in every case has fully asserted the rights and dignity of the country, yet without giving cause for offense. Though unschooled in diplomacy, he has been more than a match for the subtlest diplomatists of the time. Judge Day is a highly trained lawyer, as his father was before him, but his conspicuous success in a stormy period is largely due to the genius of common sense, to the tested mettle of strong, though unobtrusive, character, and to earnest patriotism.

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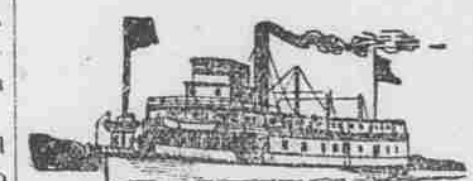
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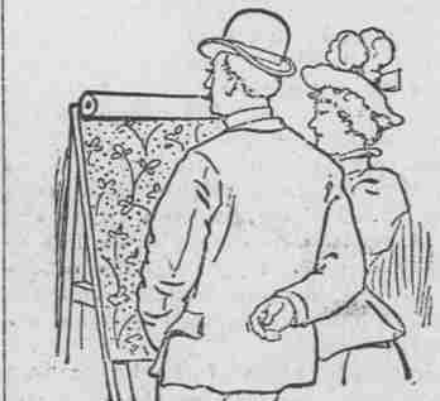
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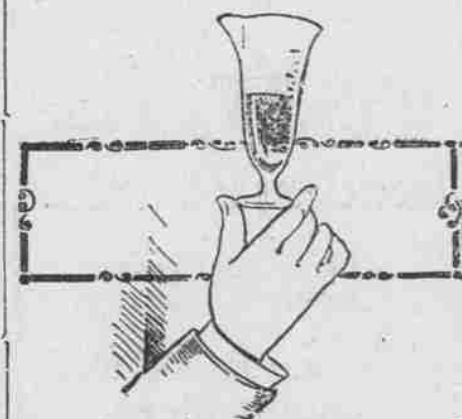
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