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PAYMENT FOR CUBAN SOLDIERS

The acceptance by Gen. Gomez of the American proposition to give \$3,000,000 to the insurgent soldiers on condition that they disband simplifies the situation materially in Cuba. This sum, it is calculated, will give about \$100 to each member in good standing in the Cuban army, assuming that the insurgents under arms at the closing days of the war numbered 30,000,000. In reality, however, the amount for each soldier is likely to be greater than \$100, for the American officers who had the best chance of learning the actual extent of the insurgent army last summer put it at a much lower figure than 30,000. The army may be augmented somewhat by the prospect of payment, but it is reasonable to presume that precautions will be taken by the insurgent officers to keep the money out of the hands of persons not entitled to it.

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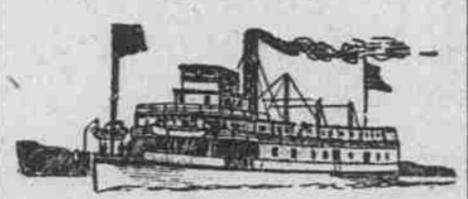
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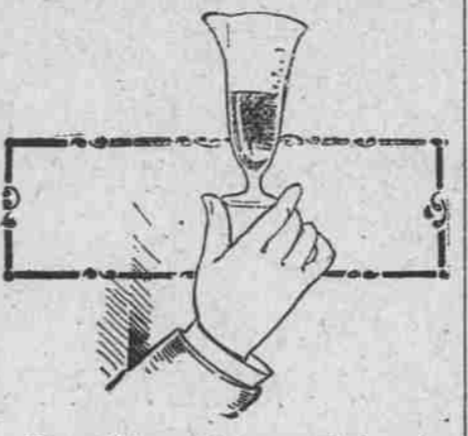
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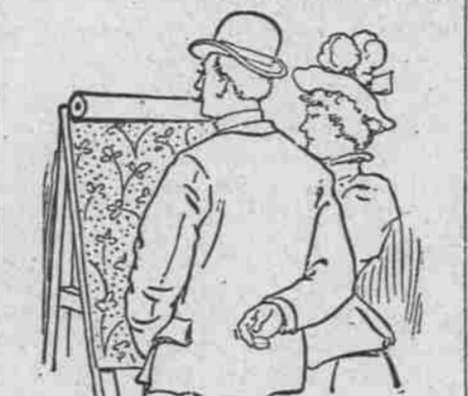
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