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THE WEST IN THE WAR.

It is a thrilling and solemn fact, that the four regiments which suffered the heaviest death losses in the campaigns of Santiago and Manila went to the front from Washington and Idaho.

The Sixteenth's superb record at Santiago has become a deathless story in American history. As a writer in Harper's Weekly says, "the men of the Sixteenth regular infantry and the colors of that regiment were first on the heights of San Juan, and this regiment lost more heavily in killed and wounded than any other."

In the fierce battle of Manila, the heaviest losses fell on the gallant Fourteenth from Vancouver. This regiment lost twelve killed. Next in death losses comes the splendid First regiment of Washington volunteers, with ten men killed. The Idaho volunteers come third, with five men killed, and only two-thirds of the regiment in action.

The records indisputably show that in this war the west has done the fighting for the nation. The fighting at Santiago was borne almost entirely by western men. The regulars under Shafter, both cavalry and infantry, came chiefly from western army posts, and had been recruited from western manhood.

In the naval engagements of this war the preponderance of western fighters was not so great as in the army, but there, too, the west made a glorious record. Dewey's crews were gathered largely along the Pacific coast, and so was the crew of the matchless Oregon.

There is something in the free life of the western plains and mountains which develops the best traits of the soldier. As a rule, the western man likes camp-life and adventure, and is at home wherever chance or fate may cast him. As a rule he has knowledge of the use of fire-arms; and experience in this war has shown that he has also the essential quality of discipline.

Much has been said about this war obliterating the last lingering traces of the old feud between the North and South. It has done that, and it has also taught the east that no mistake was made when the young states of the west were placed on the flag. It has forever silenced the unfounded, unjust and insulting assertion, so often heard in recent years from eastern sources, that in some way or other western citizenship was not up to the national standard.—Spokesman Review.

Cuba played a clever game and got what she wanted— independence and something to eat. The Filipinos evidently lack the good sense to take advantage of a golden opportunity when it is delivered in their door-yards free of charge.

It is easier to get measures through congress for a colonial navy than for a colonial army. For some reason or other the people seem to have a special liking for the navy.

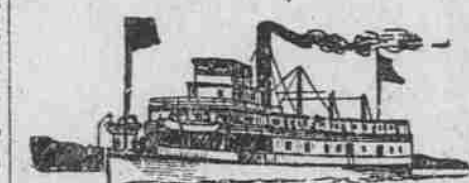
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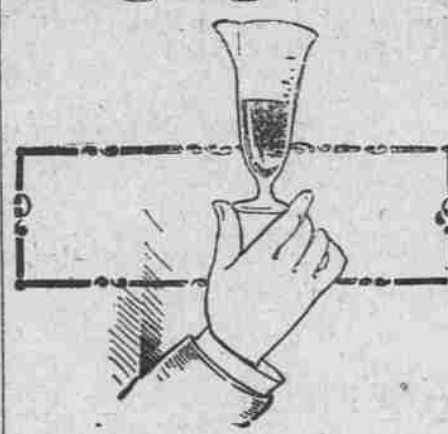
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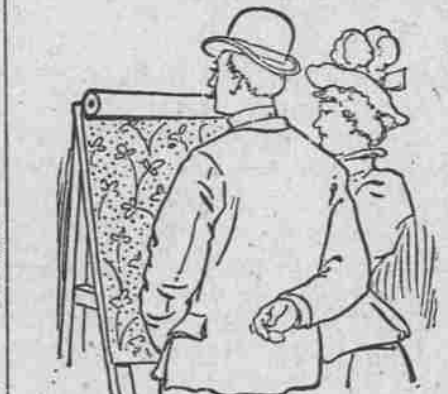


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