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CUBA'S FACTIONAL SQUABBLE.

The wrangle which has taken place between the Cuban assembly and the adherents of Gen. Gomez shows the weakness in Spanish-American character which has been fatal to so many of its governments. The assembly, which represents the insurgent army only, and which is composed chiefly of officers of the insurgent forces, has turned on Gomez, whom it idolized until a few days ago, and charges him with treason to Cuba. The same body made a disturbance at the funeral of Garcia, and attacked him just before his death on the accusation that he had betrayed the Cuban cause.

There is evidence here of an unwillingness for self-government which will strike intelligent friends of Cuba inside and outside the island. The only thing which prevents a civil war in Cuba at this moment is the presence of the American troops. The assembly has turned against Gomez as savagely as any of its members ever did against the Spanish government, and it would fight him with the same weapons and with the same persistence that the men composing it fought Spain. The presence of the United States prevents a breach of the peace and preserves order, but the factional feud which has been developed will continue, and would cause trouble for the island if the American soldiers were to be withdrawn.

This does not mean that the United States will have any difficulty in maintaining order. The American programme will be carried out energetically and persistently. All the insurgent forces will be disbanded as a necessary preliminary to the restoration of normal conditions in the island. The fact that Gomez favors disbandment on the payment of the \$3,000,000 promised by the United States is the chief reason why the assembly has turned against him. The assembly stands out for a larger subsidy, and, as this is not to be given, that body opposes the American plan of pacification. The probability is that most of the money will go to the officers, and this is the reason that that junta wants the sum to be increased. In this purpose, of course, it will fail. The hostility of the assembly will be encountered by the United States until that body falls to pieces, and this end, as shown by the factional strife in its ranks, seems to be not far off. It is fortunate for the masses of the Cubans and for the business element in the island that a power which is able and determined to preserve order and to administer even and exact justice to all persons in the island has control of affairs in Cuba at this moment.—Globe-Democrat.

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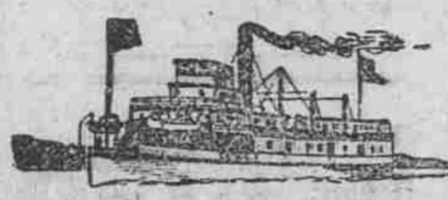
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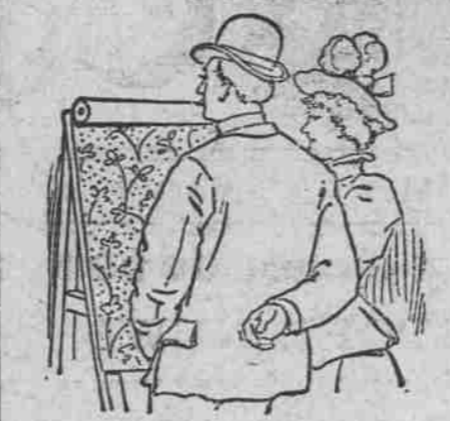
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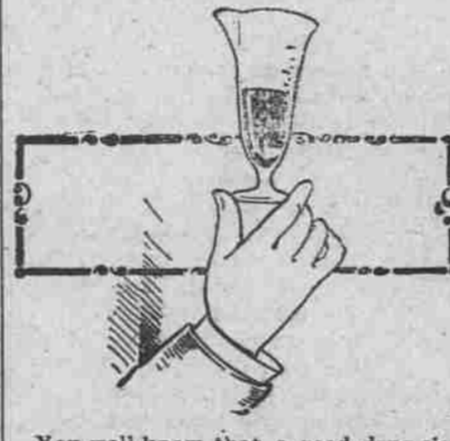
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