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MR. REED'S REPRIEVE.

Personal good will and appreciation of past achievements will attend Mr. Reed upon entering a new field. He has done the country much service and the people know it. But events, imperatively demanding action, have moved a little faster than the distinguished member from Maine has been inclined to go. If Mr. Reed had been president there would have been a war with Spain just the same, no matter how strong his preference for peace. The country ordained it and congress, holding the scales, was absolutely certain to meet the issue. No power on earth could have prevented the war. President McKinley was not eager for it. He held back congress as long as it was practicable. The course of Reed as president could not have been different. He would have called a great army to the field and waged hostilities vigorously on land and sea. War with Spain was not a policy. It was an inevitable event, a necessity.

The same stern law of unavoidable sequence has governed the labors of the administration in settling the war. Criticism is one thing, responsibility another. Mr. Reed as president would not have ordered Dewey to abandon Manila after his victory. An army would have been sent there under any Republican president. The pressing duties of each succeeding day would have unfolded the same under any administration possessing the American spirit. Mr. Reed may regret the trend of the adjustments of the war, but he will not venture to say specifically how they could have been improved or omitted. He may not care to work along the lines of an expansion unexpected to all, unwelcome to a few, and imperative beyond all question. Nevertheless, expansion must go on by the force of destiny and the will of the people. The Republican party has only respect and good wishes for Mr. Reed and hopes that he may catch step again if he has lost it, as the party performs its high and unmistakable mission—Globe-Democrat.

The slights received by Emma Nevada, the American singer, in Spain will not make anybody in the United States excited. They are just what might be expected at this time. Nobody had any right to suppose that the Spaniards would gush over anything or anybody American so soon after their defeat by the Americans. It would be unreasonable for an American to look for an ovation in Spain at the present time. The spirit which the Spaniards are showing is just about what would be displayed by any other people in like circumstances. Nobody has ever heard or read that the French gave any effusive greeting to German singers, musicians, lecturers or any other sort of Germans within a month of the ratification of the treaty of peace. Within a few more

months or years Americans will be treated like other people in Spain, but it would be absurd to expect any gushing welcome for them in that country now.

Senator Teller says the gold Democrats will support the Republicans in 1900 as they did in 1896. There is a strong probability that the senator is correct on this point. Bryan is making the task of the gold Democrats toward joining the Republicans very easy. The gulf at the present moment between Bryan and Perry Belmont, the head of the New York Democratic Club is as broad as it was between Bryan and Palmer or Cleveland in the campaign of 1896. Palmer and Cleveland threw up their hats when they heard, on the night of November 3, 1896, that the Republicans had swept the country. They will, for a precisely similar reason, shout on the night of November 6, 1900, when the telegraph brings the news of the overwhelming Republican victory.

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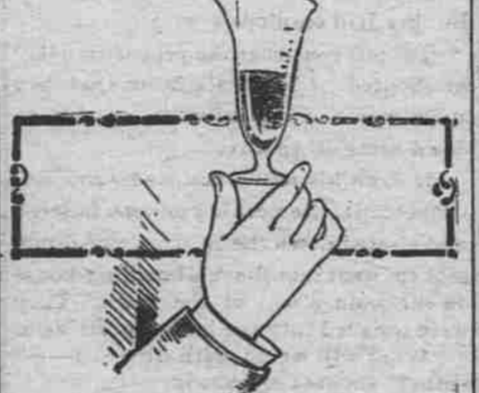
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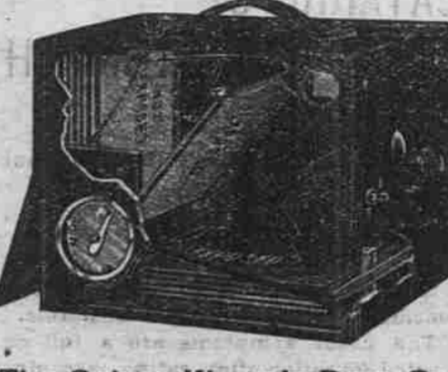
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