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A little more than a year ago a commission was sent to the Philippines and there it remained for several months, accomplishing nothing for the American people. A few days ago a resolution of inquiry as to the cost of the commission came up in the senate and a statement of expenses was forthcoming as follows: Compensation of \$10,000 each to Commissioners Schurman, Worcester and Denby, \$30,000; per diem allowance to commissioners after their return to the United States, \$5285; secretary to commission (compensation), \$8500; per diem \$3660; \$12,100; transportation \$13,687; household expenses in Manila, \$9252; clerical services, \$31,701; miscellaneous, \$14,998; total, \$117,083. Now, the second commission is on its way to the Philippines and the American people will have to foot its little bill, which will be equally as large as the other. It is plain that these commissions are largely created to afford "snaps" to the favorites of the party creating them. Government by commission is about the most expensive and the least resultful of any form, but it does afford opportunity to the few to have a good old time at the people's expense.

MCKINLEY AND DEWEY.
Walter Wellman, a very reliable Washington correspondent, writes to the Chicago Times Herald, regarding Admiral Dewey and President McKinley, as follows:
The Dewey mystery is explained at last. The real reason for the admiral's sudden announcement of himself as a presidential candidate and his bitter feeling toward President McKinley are cleared up by a discovery which was made today.
Admiral Dewey himself furnished the clue to the explanation by complaining to his friends that President McKinley has unjustly deprived him of ten thousand dollars. In the admiral's opinion the president had "robbed him."
The basis for this charge is the fact that President McKinley has been unable to pay Admiral Dewey the same compensation as that received by the civilian members of the late Philippine commission, to-wit, \$10,000.
The president wanted to pay this sum to the admiral, but the law would not permit. That section of the statute which says no one shall hold two offices of trust and profit under the United States government where the compensation exceeds \$2500 in the way, and though the president tried to find a way around the statute, neither he nor his law officers were able to do so, and Admiral Dewey can not have his \$10,000.

About a month ago Admiral Dewey called at the White House and asked President McKinley about compensation for his services as a member of the Philippine commission. The president told him he wanted to pay him the same sum as the other civilian members were to receive. Admiral Dewey then volunteered to the president the statement that in his opinion there was but one candidate for president in this country, that there should be but one, Mr. McKinley.
"You have named a re-election and the people will give it to you," the admiral said. Dewey then went on to say that he had always been a republican, that he was originally a republican on the slavery issue, and was afterwards a republican on protection, and now a republican on expansion. He thanked the president for all his kindnesses and went away in a happy frame of mind. A few days later he started on his tour through the South.

When Dewey returned from his southern tour and learned that his payment had been held up. Before the president and his advisers could reach a decision as to what to do about asking congress for authority, Admiral Dewey's announcement of himself as a candidate for president was given to the public. There the matter rests. If Admiral Dewey wants congress to pass an act authorizing him to receive this money, the president will be very glad to sign it and to order the money to be paid.

were his expressions. He apparently could not find words vicious enough to express his feelings. He declared he would have a vengeance for his fancied wrongs, and in a day or two not only the people of the country but Admiral Dewey's most intimate friends were amazed and surprised at his announcement that he was a candidate for president. From that date to the admiral's death a heavy complaining of the administration in general, and through his fault finding the first information concerning the matter leaked out.

Investigation in administration circles discloses a great unwillingness to talk about the case at all. It is not denied that the president has refused to pay Admiral Dewey the sum which was paid to other members of the commission, but President McKinley has issued orders that not one word be said about the affair by any of his advisers. Admiral Dewey is very sorry that this incident and is not conscious of having ever done a single thing to deserve the admiral's censure or ill-will. It had been the hope of the president that Admiral Dewey would, after a time, get over his anger, and would seek an explanation as to the facts instead of letting the trouble get out to the newspapers. President McKinley has a high regard for Admiral Dewey and is sincerely sorry that anything has occurred which has marred the pleasant nature of their relations.

A few days ago, when the Chicago Dewey committee called at the White House, President McKinley praised Admiral Dewey warmly as a man and an official, though at that time the president knew Dewey had personally demanded him and charged him with all manner of misconduct.
Now that Admiral Dewey's anger has caused the \$10,000 case to become public property, I have been able to secure from unexceptional sources the following statement of the facts:
When President McKinley told Admiral Dewey he wanted to pay him the money, and thought he had earned it, the president believed a way could be found to do so without violating the law. Having some doubt upon this score he asked those of his advisers to look up the statutes and report to him their opinions. The president hoped that at least one of the three would find a loophole through which the Dewey payment might be made. But all three reported that it could not be done.

A member of the cabinet advised the president to order the payment, notwithstanding these opinions, and trust to public opinion to indorse his action. The president replied that he would be very glad to do so, but he could not do so before the congress had passed a law to authorize the payment. The comptroller of the treasury was then appealed to for an opinion, this official having the right to overrule the secretary of the treasury, the attorney general or even the president himself on a matter of this kind.
For the sake of secrecy the comptroller was asked if "an admiral or a general of the army" could receive compensation in addition to his official salary. The comptroller promptly replied that he could not. If the comptroller had ruled otherwise an order for the payment to Dewey would have been made.

The last resource in the legal line having been exhausted, some of the president's advisers suggested that a bill be sent to congress asking authority to pass this sum to Admiral Dewey and to General Otis, the other military member of the commission. This was under consideration when

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