

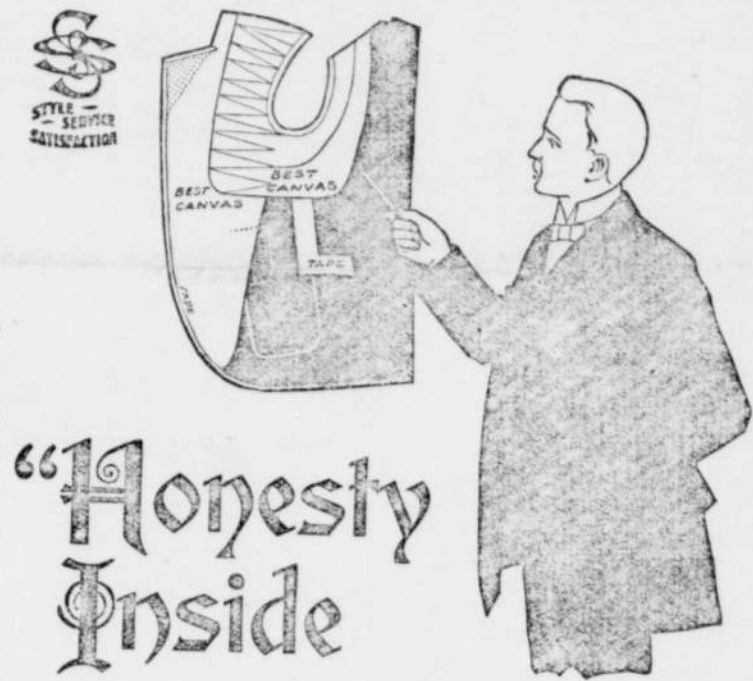
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Fate of the Philippines Sealed.

Washington, Sept. 15.—The state department tonight gave out the following concerning the discussion today between the members of the cabinet and the peace commission: "The members of the peace commission with the exception of Sen. Gray, whose absence was due to his inability to withdraw as a member in time before he was appointed as one of the peace commissioners, have spent a greater part of yesterday and today in a free discussion of the duties with the discharge of which they have been entrusted by the president. Senator Gray is expected during the evening and before sailing will have a full conference with the president and his associates. "While for obvious reasons it was determined that the nature of the instructions as to the negotiations to be entered on should be for the present kept secret and made known only after definite results have been reached, it is possible to state authoritatively that the commission goes to Paris fully prepared to follow a course of action mapped out for it as the result of the consultations of the last two days. "At the very outset it will be made clear to the Spanish commissioners, that, as in the case of the preliminary protocol, there can be no deviation from or modification of the demands made by the United States. "The decision arrived at by the president after a full consultation with the members of the commission subsequently received the cordial and unanimous approval of the cabinet at a meeting held this afternoon. "As previously announced, the commission sails from New York on the Campania at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon."

OUR DEMANDS. A Washington special to the Denver News of date September 13th, says: President McKinley and his cabinet today decided the fate of the Philippine islands. The decision was: First—That Spain should cede to the United States absolute sovereignty over the entire island of Luzon, upon which Manila is situated. Second—That the remaining islands of the archipelago shall be restored to the dominion of Spain, with the proviso that a liberal government shall be given to the inhabitants thereof. Third—That there shall be a complete separation of church and state in the Philippine islands. Fourth—That there shall be vested in the United States a prior right to the possession of any or all of the islands outside of Luzon. In other words, that Spain shall not dispose of these islands to any foreign power without the consent of the United States. Fifth—That the United States shall at all times have equal commercial privileges in the Philippine archipelago with any nation, not excepting Spain herself. These conclusions were arrived at today after two sessions of the cabinet, which were devoted exclusively to the consideration of instructions to be given to the commissioners who are to negotiate the terms of the treaty of peace at Paris.

Politics. A special to the Boise Statesman from Portland dated Sept. 16, says: Politicians from the interior of the state have already commenced to congregate in this city in anticipation of the extra session of the legislature which meets a week from next Monday. The principal topic of conversation is the senatorship. W. H. Corbett of this city has probably canvassed the situation more thoroughly than any other candidate and he undoubtedly knows his strength by this time. It is the opinion of Corbett's friends that if he is not elected on the first ballot his chances will be materially lessened. There is a growing impression that if Corbett cannot be elected his strength will go to Judge M. C. George, who is an ex-member of congress and a pronounced gold standard man. The name of W. W. Cotton has been mentioned as a dark horse. Cotton is the general counsel of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. and has never held public office.

A "Trial Run." Work is booming now on the sugar factory. The mechanical portion of the plant will be completed this week, but a considerable amount of work will remain to be done on the building afterwards. It is the purpose of the management to save some beams on hand by the 26th inst., and during that week to make what will be called a trial run. During this experimental operation there will positively be no admittance to any visitors on any pretext. This rule will be strictly enforced for obvious reasons. By the first of October the manufacture of sugar will be begun in earnest and will be kept up for the full season of one hundred days.—La Grande Chronicle.

Pendleton Tragedy. Pendleton, Sept. 17.—C. C. Cunningham of Milton, this county, this evening shot and killed O. Young and seriously wounded Mrs. Julius Worcester at the depot. Cunningham with a cocked revolver chased Miss Ella Worcester for a block, firing three shots at her, but the young woman ran into a saloon and

cluded the murderer. He ran through the saloon into the Great Eastern hotel, where he snapp'd his revolver twice at Mrs. Johnson, the proprietor's wife.

Young, who is an employe of the O. R. & N. Co., was talking with Mrs. Worcester and her daughter Ella when Cunningham, crazed with drink, drew out his revolver and commenced firing at the group. Young was shot through the heart and died almost instantly.

The murderer then turned on Mrs. Worcester and shot her in the small of the back, inflicting a very dangerous wound. Miss Worcester started to run up Main street, when Cunningham fired three shots at her, pursuing closely. When opposite the Last Chance saloon, she ran in and hid beneath the billiard table. Cunningham entered the saloon brandishing his weapon in the faces of the men gathered there, who feared to grapple with him. He went out the back door and into the Great Eastern hotel by the rear entrance, and rushed up to Mrs. Johnson, wife of the proprietor, and the trigger twice. She rushed screaming out of the door when some men entered and secured the murderer.

Mrs. Worcester is the wife of a well known mining man. The feeling throughout the city against Cunningham is intense and the threat of violence.

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