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And blotted out the fair impression.
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THE RIGHT OF CONQUEST.

There can be no doubt when the United States commissioners at Paris demand the surrender of the entire Philippine group of islands that they are acting under instructions from Washington and that President McKinley and his advisers are now committed to the imperialist, or expansion policy in the fullest form. This is the more remarkable from the fact that at the outset Mr. McKinley's attitude was one of resistance to the advocates of expansion. His western tour seems to have been undertaken with a view to test the public feeling in regard to the terms of settlement with Spain. The first addresses delivered by him when entering upon the journey were of a very colorless character so far as they dealt with the Philippine question. But he soon found that the feeling of his western countrymen was in favor of capturing and retaining as much territory as possible, and he proceeded to strengthen his discourses along that line until the expansionists were fully satisfied that the President would carry out their wishes, as he is now doing.

The claim to the possession of the Philippines by right of conquest is a rather doubtful one at best. We say this, although the prevalent desire of both the British and Canadian people is to see the United States in possession of the group. But an infinitesimal portion of the islands was either occupied or conquered by the United States arms. One port on one of the fourteen hundred islands was indeed captured, but that fact can hardly furnish a ground to claim all the islands by conquest. The same thing is largely true of both Porto Rico and Cuba, but very small portions of either of those islands having been conquered. The principal strongholds in the Spanish West Indies had not even been attacked at the time of the termination of hostilities. But there is this noteworthy difference between the case of Cuba and Porto Rico on the one hand and the Philippines on the other. Spain had been compelled by stress of the American arms to consent to renounce her sovereignty in the West Indies. The cession of Porto Rico and the withdrawal from Cuba were embodied in the protocol which ended the war. But it was not thus with the Philippines; they were not conquered by the United States armies, nor did Spain consent to their surrender.

It may be said that the Republic could have driven the Spaniards out of the Philippines. Equally it might be said that the Republic could have driven them out of Madrid and captured the Spanish capital. The latter fact would hardly be admitted as justifying a claim to take and hold Madrid, should such a claim be now set up by the United States.

The cold facts of the case appear to be that the United States, presuming upon the present powerlessness of Spain, takes possession of great and valuable territories that were not conquered by United States arms and were not claimed when the

peace protocol was signed. The war was ended by both parties on the basis of Spain surrendering her sovereign rights in the West Indies. The demand for the Philippines is clearly an afterthought on the part of the President. Neither he nor the nation he rules had made up their minds to take the Philippines at the time the protocol was signed. Spain did not then apprehend that she would be called upon to make that sacrifice. And it is hard to now find grounds to justify a demand that was not intended to be made or received by either of the contracting parties at the signing of the peace protocol. The claim of conquest by force of arms will not hold good. If it had been a valid claim it would have been asserted months ago. The conquest of the Philippines is made in the Paris commission, and was not made on the battlefield. Spain has no alternative but to admit the conquest on this basis or renew the war.

But this consolation will remain to Spain, that the victor who has twice humiliated her—in the field and in the conference—may yet have a long struggle with the native rebels before the possession can be made secure.

Here is a striking table that is going the rounds of the press, showing the relative amounts expended by leading nations on their armies and navies and education respectively. The war expenditure, so-called, is simply the ordinary outlay in maintaining their fleets and armies in readiness in time of peace. The sums spent on education include state, local and voluntary contributions:

	War.	Education.
England	£40,650,000	£10,140,000
Germany	32,840,000	12,120,390
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The town and harbor of Esquimalt, situated three miles south west of Victoria, B. C. has been practically taken over by the British government, which is rapidly making it an impregnable fortress. It is already known as "the Gibraltar of the Pacific."

Among the measures promised by the new government of France is one to provide old age pensions. It is a significant sign of the times that a number of widely distant countries in Europe and the antipodes are moving simultaneously along the line of making better provision for the support of their people in old age.

It seems that our provincial government may have acted wisely in not holding an exhibition this year, in view of the way the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia fairs turned out financially. In Nova Scotia there was a large excess of expenditure over the receipts of more than \$8,800, and in New Brunswick, where the accounts have just now been completed, there is also a considerable deficiency. Even the provincial government grant of \$5,000 with a grant of \$1,500 from the city of St. John did not suffice to make good the adverse balance. The total outlay for the exhibition was over \$33,000 and the direct receipts from gates and tickets, privileges, fees and sundries but \$15,008. The deficit on the show itself, if the provincial aid and civic grants had not been forthcoming, would have been \$8,091.

In a recent article in the Iron Age Mr. Andrew Carnegie, the great manufacturer, claims that the United States manufacturers can now produce both iron and steel more cheaply than those of any other country. Three pounds of steel can now be made and sold for two cents, he says. Mr. Carnegie, though he avows himself a protectionist, thinks the doctrine has been carried to such an extreme in Germany as to increase the cost of production. He holds that protecting for the sake of protection is an entirely false economic doctrine; that unless protection is applied for the purpose of affording the people of a country the necessary shelter to ultimately manufacture cheaply, it has no ground for defence. The duty upon steel in Germany, he says, like the duty upon wool in the United States, was never intended to produce lower prices, but to keep them artificially inflated, and can never be of any advantage.

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