

# THE NEWBERRY HERALD AND NEWS, MAY 18, 1898.

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### HONORS TO ADMIRAL DEWEY

#### THE HERO OF MANILA TO BE A REAL ADMIRAL.

The President and the Senate Unite in Expressing the Gratitude of the Nation to Acting Rear Admiral Dewey and the Officers and Men of His Fleet for the Skill and Courage Displayed in Winning the Glorious Victory at Manila and Utterly Destroying the Ships and Battles of the Spaniards.

our national precedents and expressing the fervent gratitude of every patriotic heart, the thanks of Congress are given Acting Rear Admiral George Dewey, of the United States navy, for highly distinguished conduct in conflict with the enemy, and to the officers and men under his command for their gallantry in the destruction of the enemy's fleet and the capture of the enemy's fortification in the bay of Manila.

WILLIAM McKINLEY.  
Executive Mansion, May 9, 1898.

Washington, May 9.—Fitting tribute was paid by the Senate today to Admiral Dewey for the magnificent victory he achieved in the battle of Manila Bay. A message from the President was received recommending that a vote of thanks be extended by Congress to Admiral Dewey and the gallant officers and men of his command. Without a word of debate and without a dissenting voice the Senate agreed to the resolution carrying into effect the recommendation of the President.

The Senate went farther even than that. A bill was presented increasing the number of rear admirals in the navy from six to seven in order that the President might nominate Dewey to the highest position in the navy within his gift and that, too, was passed without dissent. In addition a joint resolution was unanimously agreed to directing the Secretary of the Navy to present to Admiral Dewey a sword of honor and to have struck in commemoration of the battle of Manila, a bronze medal for each of the officers and men who participated in the gallant fight.

The resolution appropriates \$10,000 to enable the Secretary to carry its provisions into effect.

The following is the President's message to Congress in regard to Admiral Dewey and his fleet:

To the Congress of the United States:

On the 24th of April I directed the Secretary of the Navy to telegraph orders to Commodore Dewey, of the United States navy, commanding the Asiatic squadron, then lying in the port of Hong Kong, to proceed forthwith to the Philippine Islands, there to commence operations and engage the assembled Spanish fleet.

Promptly obeying that order, the United States squadron, consisting of the flag ship Olympia, Baltimore, Raleigh, Boston, Concord and Petrel, with the revenue cutter McCulloch, as an auxiliary dispatch boat, entered the harbor of Manila at daybreak on the 1st of May and immediately engaged the entire Spanish fleet of eleven ships, which were under protection of the fire of the land forts. After a stubborn fight, in which the enemy suffered great loss, their vessels were destroyed or completely disabled and the water battery at Cavite silenced. Of our brave officers and men not one was lost and only eight injured and those slightly. All of our ships escaped any serious damage.

By the 4th of May Commodore Dewey had taken possession of the naval station at Cavite, destroying the fortifications there and at the entrance of the bay and parcelling their garrisons. The waters of the bay are under his complete control. He has established hospitals within the American lines, where two hundred and fifty of the Spanish sick and wounded are assisted and protected.

The magnitude of this victory can hardly be measured by the ordinary standards of naval warfare. Outweighing any material advantage is the moral effect of this initial success. At this unsurpassed achievement the great heart of our nation throbs not with boasting or with greed of conquest, but with deep gratitudo that this triumph has come in a just cause, and that by the grace of God an effective step has thus been taken toward the attainment of the wished for peace. To those whose skill, courage and devotion have won the fight, to the gallant commander and the brave officers and men who aided him, our country owes an incalculable debt.

Feeling as our people feel and speaking in their name, I at once sent a message to Commodore Dewey, thanking him and his officers and men for their splendid achievement and overwhelming victory, and informing him that I had appointed him an acting rear admiral. I now recommend that following

France and Italy are, like Spain, Latin nationalities and race sympathy supervenes. Germany is the ally of Austria, and an Austrian princess is on the Spanish throne. Russia is far away and too much concerned in her magnificent Mongolian problem to waste her hardy Cossacks upon the squalid provinces of equatorial Cuba.

Patriotism is patience. The president must not be hawk driven upon another Bull Run. Nor by blunder nor a defeat must we find ourselves face to face with a war of far-reaching consequences. War is not a fixed science. Each war evolves its own lessons. We must learn them by experience. A modern battleship would have destroyed the fleets at Nelson and Villeneuve, while a modern regiment would have manifested more impressively the divine attributes—love, fidelity, charity and sympathy, and coupled with her name shall ever live these charming characteristics verified both by word and deed. And this sweet remembrance like a halo shall linger in the hearts of her bereaved children and grandchildren, and like the golden sun when the tempest is over, will glorify their lives and make bright their hope of meeting her again in the Beautiful Home of Light. Mother dear, then act sleeping, and we cannot wake thee now!

A settled smile wreaths thy pure face and garlands thy fair brow.

We lay our hand upon thy heart, and it has ceased to beat;

Then art so quiet, peaceful, calm, thy rest must be so sweet.

A mournful stillness now prevails where we loved thy presence.

Made bright by thy environments, dispelling wofulness,

What is it rather with pathless sway? What makes the solemn changes? Ah! is it death? Relentless death? Mysterious and strange! Mysterious it is indeed, not strange—but just and right.

For Heaven has constant need for more pure souls—the Lord's delight.

Was it to fulfil this repose? Was it a heavenly strain?

Oh, would the mother dear awake! Not let her calmly slumber on pure angels will appear,

And bear her gently home to God, to realms so bright and fair.

Death laid her in the silent grave, and fair would keep her there,

But one fair mightier lifts the pall and bears her safely where.

There is no death with bitter sting, no grave-gained victory,—

The power above, the victor is, for all eternity.

Then why will human hearts rebel, When the morn the happy dead?

Even if it is mother gone, for she has only left us.

Ahead of us on The Lone Way—the way the Savionic tread.

When he was fleeing from earth's woes to be at home with God,

This earth is but a fleeting show for man's illusion given.

There is no sure abiding place—nowhere remote from Heaven.

And it is the Lord's decree, that we shall go alone—

Never to pause—never return—but steadfastly go on.

And if we go The Narrow Way, beside the pearly gate,

Some loved one will be watching, and there for us await.

Oh, who would children rather meet when they have been from home?

Mother! Yes, Mother! for she smiling greets them as they come.

Then may the sorrow-stricken ones find lasting solace here,

That their fond mother is at home with other loved ones there.

When they are called from earth away, may they rejoicing go,

To meet their mother and their God—Him whom the angels know.

LUBELLE.

Reno, S. C., April, 1898.

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