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Welcome Such as Would Be
Were He No Hero

BUT MERELY AN ADMIRAL

Is Extended to Dewey by the
Naval Contingent,

WITH BEDLAM ON THE SIDE

From Leather-Lunged but Unre-
bated Jackies and the General
Aquatic Public.

New York, Sept. 27.—Through frolicking whitecaps the Olympia moved majestically up the lower bay today and passed through the picturesque strait, guarded by Forts Wadsworth and Hamilton, amid the booming of great guns, and there inside the city gates Admiral Dewey and his gallant tars received the glorious, thunderous welcome of the green-walled men-of-war as their stately ship glided up to her position at the head of the column, there to remain until the great naval pageant starts on Friday. Dewey, perhaps the most important warrior returning from a victorious campaign, received a more impressive welcome. Although thousands upon thousands witnessed it from shore, balcony, window or housetop, and the man-of-war anchorage at Tompkinsville, where the fleet lay, fairly swarmed with tars, yachts and every sort of harbor craft, all jet-black with wild cheering, exultation and the towering white walls of the city beyond were brave with a million welcoming flags, today's greeting to Dewey was the greeting of his comrades of the navy. And it was eminently fitting that his comrades-in-arms should have the first chance at him whom the millions are waiting to honor. The admiral was seen to get at him on Friday and Saturday.

To outward appearance, the welcome he received from the fleet was strictly professional. The salute, the trumpet flourishes and drum ruffles, the parading of the marine guard and all the rest of the ceremonial done in his honor today are described in the regulations as due to one of his rank. But that only impressed the mind the more, because even naval regulations, rigorous and inelastic as they were, could not restrain the pent-up enthusiasm when it broke forth, as it did occasionally, in rounds of cheers, any more than it could the bold cries of the officers and the 30,000 people aboard the excursion boats. Cheering is not permitted by the naval regulations aboard man-of-war, but no report of belated today's breach of discipline. It was a perfect day, though drifting clouds driven by a strong land breeze obscured the sun during the morning and the waves of the lower bay were capped with white foam. In the afternoon the drifting clouds dispersed, the breeze died away and the sun bathed the sea in brilliance.

Very early in the morning, before Dewey left his anchorage inside Sandy Hook, Rear Admiral Howison, commander of the South Atlantic squadron, aboard his flagship, the Chicago, which arrived outside tonight, traveled and weather-beaten after her journey of 12,000 miles around South Africa, foamed in past the Hook, expecting to join the North Atlantic squadron in receiving Dewey upon his arrival. As Howison rounded the point, where right under his eye lay the Olympia, the surprise upon the face of every man aboard the Chicago could be discerned without the aid of glasses. But surprise is not an emotion which is permitted in the line of duty, and Dewey's flagship was the sooner recognized than preparations were made to give her the loudest and most hearty welcome ship could give. The stars were manned, the marine guard was paraded and seventeen roaring guns were directed in honor of Dewey. The Chicago's jackies cheered wildly as they saluted the Olympia, responded with 27 guns and the two admirals, came together from the ends of the earth, waved a welcome to each other from the bridges of their respective vessels. The Chicago continued on to the upper bay and upon arriving was saluted by the New York. Only the appearance of the admiral's flagship, the Chicago, which gave only a slight welcome to the voyager. Long lines of army-quitting, the universal language of the sea, floundered from the signal halyards of the New York, Rear Admiral Sampson's flagship, and the Chicago, and after the usual salute of wig-wagging from the bridges of both ships the Chicago dropped her anchor at the foot of the column, and the Olympia, under the command of Rear Admiral Dewey, came down the bay, and as the Chicago found her berth, Rear Admiral Howison to his anchor and to the main track was hoisted up the two-masted mast which denoted that he was outranked. It was explained subsequently that the Chicago did not get to the head of the column, the position to which she was entitled, because the place had been reserved for the Olympia, and to have gone there would have forced Dewey's flagship beyond the edge of the main ship channel. Rear Admiral Sampson's ship was immediately lowered and he went aboard the Chicago to pay his official respects to his senior. The captain of the ship, the Indiana, Massachusetts, Brooklyn, Texas and Lancaster, followed suit, for naval etiquette is both prompt and exacting.

Meanwhile the beautiful white yacht Dolphin, with Assistant Secretary of the navy Allen, had hurried down to the Olympia. The Dolphin flew a white flag containing four stars with a fouled anchor in the field, the flag of the assistant secretary, and Mr. Allen personally was conveyed to Admiral Dewey the greetings and compliments of President McKinley. He went aboard in a launch and was received at the gangway by the admiral himself. The Dolphin was followed by the admiral's gunboat, the Albatross, and as Mr. Allen came over the side the drum and bugle flourishes were sounded in his honor. When the assistant secretary of the navy

goes aboard a warship the regulations prescribe that his flag be hoisted to the main top. Up went the flag, but as soon as the great vessel had been exchanged at Mr. Allen's request it was hauled down, and Mr. Allen remained as the guest of Admiral Dewey. It was the desire of the navy department not to detract in any way from the honors to be accorded Dewey.

An officer from the General Hancock shortly came to convey to the admiral the welcome of the army, and then, a few minutes after 9, just as the tide turned flow, the Olympia weighed anchor and began her journey up the bay. The tugs and harbor craft, which had been hovering about since daylight, tooting and shrieking their salutations at every opportunity, fell into her wake and puffed proudly up behind her. Every vessel she passed gave her a vaporous salute and as the shipping increased the noisy demonstrations became almost continuous. The figure of the hero of the day was in full relief against the sky as he stood upon the bridge chatting with Assistant Secretary Allen and the group of officers. He occasionally turned and smiled and bowed to the noisy escort. The Olympia was very stately as she came on, her white hull, with high freeboard, seeming frail, but the ugly-looking guns protruding from sponson and turret showed where lay the power that had defeated Spanish sea power on the other side of the world. A lone pennant of smoke, white as bleached linen, streamed away beautifully toward the shore, the loose strands at the end disappearing as they were torn in shreds by the land breeze. The Olympia's superstructure is all painted white, and the only yellow touches are the funnel and the masts. The admiral's flag stood out jauntily at the mainmast and the national colors fluttered over the taffrail. She did not seem to be disturbing the water as she glided along. There was little foam at her bow and no combers at her stern. There was a complete absence of the turning of the screws, pushing 6,000 tons of steel through the waves.

The grassy heights of both Wadsworth and Hamilton were tinged with spectators as she approached the Narrows. Suddenly a tongue of red flame leaped from the granite side of Fort Wadsworth and, like a streak of fire, crossed the water to the granite wall on the opposite side. Then alternately from each side came the deafening roar of the admiral's salute of seventeen guns. Slowly and majestically the Olympia passed the smoke-wreathed forts, answering the salute gun for gun. The admiral came on enveloped in her own smoke that it seemed the might have broken her steam chest. Then she pushed through the smoke curtain and stood revealed before the admiring gaze of the whole Atlantic squadron, waiting at anchor at Tompkinsville to receive her.

Every bit of brass and gilt on every ship of the fleet had been polished and every eye on the white hulls and every ear on the masts and rigging knew he was expected to look his best. Along the railings of the ships the jackies stood elbow to elbow, and aft were the marines drawn up to salute. A few of the tars ran up to the fighting top. Every officer and sailor looked with their gold epaulettes and belts and clanking swords, gathered in the ways of the ship, as the Olympia approached. From the New York barked the signal gun, a six-pounder in the starboard bow, and belched forth smoke and flame. Loud and hoarse thundered the guns as the Olympia came on. She replied with the thirteen guns to which Rear Admiral Howison's rank entitles him. On board the Olympia the aides were manned and the band and the marine guard were paraded.

As the Olympia came abreast of the Chicago the guard presented arms, the drums gave four ruffles, the trumpets four flourishes and the band played "Home, Sweet Home," dwelling with swelling cadence upon the minor bars. The officers and crew raised their gold-bound haversacks and the sailor's cap. The ship's top took its turn in doing honor to the admiral as the Olympia sailed grandly up the line of floating fortresses and the flood of sentiment swelled up in their hearts. Admiral Dewey, from the bridge, acknowledged each salute with a wave of his cap. He alone, of all the officers of the fleet, was in full uniform. As the Olympia swept by the New York, the last ship in the column, the full marine band aboard the Olympia played Sousa's "El Capitan March" and the spectators on the excursion fleet cheered. The skippers turned their whistles and sirens in a fatiguing uniform. A note in the harbor joined. Farther than ears could hear the steam lines of the whistles on craft lying at the Battery and up the North and East rivers could be seen as they roared their welcome. It was such a soul-maddening concert of steam whistles as American steamboatsmen are famous for.

An Italian sailing master whose flag got entangled in the mizen top mast truck had to send a man aloft to loosen the rigging. Admiral Dewey noticed the Italian captain to his colors, and the Olympia's flag lowered and showed his appreciation of having the stern tacked.

A few moments the sharp rattle of the anchor chain was heard as the Olympia's anchor catted from its bed into the water. Then came the admiral and captains from all the ships trooping in their swift water carriages to pay their respects to the nation's hero. First Rear Admiral Howison with his aides, splendid in gold braid, arrived. As they came aboard they were given the honors due their rank. Admiral Dewey was still in fatigues uniform when he received his old classmate at the gangway. This was a cordial smile and a hearty handshake, with a "How are you, Howison?" that thrilled the spectators. After the official visit to the admiral's quarters, the tug, launches and yachts formed about her, many with relatives or sweethearts or relatives of friends aboard. Almost the first to make the gangway was the Narkeet, with Admiral Dewey's relatives. The party was given a warm greeting and taken to the cabin. One officer who had not seen for twenty-three months that he rushed down the gangway and kissed her in the presence of 30,000 people. Some of the visitors had flowers for the admiral and more had good things for the crew. The admiral's gunboat was followed by a row-boat full of watermen.

As soon as Admiral Dewey could detach himself from those who were so eager to see him he returned the official visits which the etiquette of the occasion required. He first called upon Rear Admiral Sampson, whose ship lay next to his, and then upon Rear Admiral Howison, at the other end of the line. For this

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EVASIVE

In Terms is the Decision of the
Orange Free State.

BUT INTERPRETERS AGREE

That it Means War—Events
Moving Fast Now.

Bloemfontein, Sept. 27.—The volksraad of the Orange Free State was unanimously resolved to instruct the government to use every means to insure peace without violating the honor or independence of the Free State or the Transvaal.

In a further resolution the volksraad declared its opinion that war would be criminal, but asserted that, come what might, the Free State would faithfully fulfill its obligations to the Transvaal in virtue of the existing political alliance.

London, Sept. 28.—A few days now should witness a definite development in the crisis in the Transvaal. The volksraad assembled in secret session last night (Wednesday) and the burghers doubtless had the result of the deliberation of the Orange Free State volksraad to guide them in making a decision as to the reply to Mr. Chamberlain's latest report, which will probably be handed to the British diplomatic agent at Pretoria, Mr. Cunningham Green, and be discussed by the British cabinet tomorrow. The secretary of state for war, Mr. Lansdowne, was busy until a late hour to-night on the report.

A telegram from Naples shows that the British government is buying mules there, as well as in the United States. It is understood that 10,000 will be purchased altogether, but as it will take at least a month to get them to Africa and a similar time to get an army corps to the front it is evident that big operations will be impossible until toward the end of October.

It is understood that the British note will virtually demand the fulfillment of the convention of 1881 and 1884 which has been violated in numerous points, but will accept a five years limit for the franchise.

According to the Pretoria correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, it is believed in the highest quarters there that a settlement is even yet possible if Great Britain will propose moderate terms and at the same time be regarded as bona fide. Other dispatches from South Africa, however, anticipate that President Kruger will continue obstinate, and represent the situation as of the gravest character. The patcher from Pretoria and Johannesburg speak of the probability of hostilities within a week. One correspondent says: "British subjects will be given a certain period in which to quit the country. If they desire to remain they must make application to that effect and the application will be considered on its merits."

Another correspondent says: "Four thousand rifles and a quantity of ammunition have just arrived at Johannesburg and are being distributed by the field cornets. The burghers of Pretoria, 4,000 in number, are equipped and awaiting the order to advance."

The Daily Chronicle published the following from its correspondent in Cape Town: "I regret to note a universal opinion that war is very near. Everywhere the Boers are active and bellicose. They are arming, equipping and storing supplies for a protracted struggle. The Transvaal government has failed in an attempt to purchase 10,000 sacks of wheat here, but Boer agents are securing South Africa to buy campaign provisions. Proof accumulates of the existence of a great Dutch conspiracy against British supremacy in South Africa. The Free State is believed to be involved and there is no doubt that the Orange government is in contact with the Boers in the northern districts of Cape Colony, are joining the probable enemy. The Dutch Republic will together muster 35,000 men, nearly all mounted. I learn that the Free State has decided to purchase 10,000 sacks of wheat here, but Boer agents are securing South Africa to buy campaign provisions. 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