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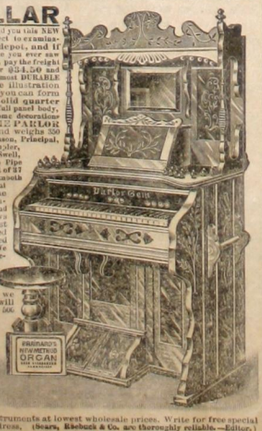

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WANTS THE ISLANDS HELD

Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, Discusses the Philippine Question in the Senate.

STRONGLY ADVOCATES THEIR RETENTION

Declares That the Filipinos Are Incapable of Self-Government—Says Kindness Is a Mistake—Ceaseless Warfare Necessary—Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, Replies.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Mr. Beveridge, the junior senator from Indiana, delivered his maiden speech in the senate yesterday, and the announcement that he would deliver an address embodying his observations in the Philippines drew a large audience. The text of the senator's address was a resolution which he offered a few days ago which declares "that the Philippine islands are territory belonging to the United States; that it is the intention of the United States to retain them as such and to establish and maintain such government control throughout the archipelago as the situation may demand." Senator Beveridge said:

Philippines Ours Forever.

"The times call for candor. The Philippines are ours forever, 'territory belonging to the United States,' as the constitution calls them. And just beyond the Philippines are China's illimitable markets. We will not retreat from either. We will not repudiate our duty in the archipelago. We will not abandon our opportunity in the orient. We will not renounce our part in the mission of our race, trustee, under God, of the civilization of the world. And we will move forward to our work, not howling our regrets like slaves whipped to their burdens, but with gratitude for a task worthy of our strength, and thanksgiving to Almighty God that He has marked us as His chosen people, henceforth to lead in the regeneration of the world.

"This island empire is the last land left in all the oceans. If it should prove a mistake to abandon it, the blunder once made would be irretrievable. If it proves a mistake to hold it, the error can be corrected when we will; every other progressive nation stands ready to relieve us.

Kindness Our Mistake.

"Our mistake has not been cruelty, it has been kindness. It has been the application to Spanish Malays of methods appropriate to New England. Every device of mercy, every method of conciliation has been employed by the peace-loving president of the American republic to the amazement of nations experienced in oriental revolt. The friendly methods of peace have been thoroughly tried, only to make peace more difficult. There is not now, and never was, any possible course but ceaseless operations in the field and loyal support of the war at home. Had Aguinaldo not understood that in America, even in the American congress, even here in the senate, he and his cause were supported, had he not known that it was proclaimed on the stump and in the press of a faction in the United States, that every shot his misguided followers fired into the breasts of American soldiers was like the volleys fired by Washington's men against the soldiers of King George, his insurrection would have dissolved before it entirely crystallized.

Filipinos Are Children.

"The Filipinos, Senator Beveridge said, are children, utterly incapable of self government; the English or Dutch systems of government were impossible, and a protectorate impracticable.

"We must never forget that in dealing with the Filipinos we deal with children. And so our government must be simple and strong. Simple and strong; the meaning of those two words must be written in every line of Philippine legislation; realized in every act of Philippine administration.

What Shall History Say?

"What shall history say of us? Shall it say that we renounce that holy trust, left the savage to his base condition, the wilderness to the reign of waste, deserted duty, abandoned glory, forgot our sordid profit even, because we feared our strength and read the charter of our powers with the doubter's eye and the quibbler's mind? Shall it say that, called by events to captain and command the proudest, ablest, purest race of history, in history's noblest work, we declined that great commission? Our fathers would not have had it so. No. They founded no paralytic government incapable of the simplest acts of administration. They planted no sluggard people, passive, while the world's work calls them. They established no reactionary nation. They unfurled no retreating flag.

"That flag has never paused in its onward march. Who dares halt it now—now when history's largest events are carrying it forward, now when we are at last one people, though strong enough for any task, great enough for any glory destiny can bestow?

The Noblest Decorations.

"In the cause of civilization, in the service of the republic anywhere on earth, Americans consider wounds the noblest decorations man can win and count the giving of their lives a glad and precious duty. Pray God that spirit never fails. Pray God the time may never come when Mammon and the love of ease shall so debase our blood that we will fear to shed it for the flag and its imperial destiny.

"And that time will never come. We will renew our youth at the fountain of new and glorious deeds. We will call our reverence for the flag by carrying it to a noble future as well as by remembering its ineffable past. Its immortality will not pass, because everywhere and always we will acknowledge and discharge the solemn responsibilities our sacred flag in its deepest meaning put upon us. And so, senators, with reverent hearts, where dwells the fear of God, the American people move forward to the future of their hope and the doing of His work.

A Last Appeal.

"Mr. President and senators, adopt the resolution offered that peace may quickly come and that we may begin our saving, regenerating and uplifting work. Adopt it and this bloodshed will cease when these deluded children of our islands learn that this is the final action of the representatives of the American people in congress assembled. Reject it and the American people will know where to forever fix the awful responsibility for the consequences that will surely follow such failure to do our manifest duty. How dare we delay when our soldiers' blood is flowing?"

Senator Hoar Replies.

Senator Hoar declared that practically every statement of fact in the speech was refuted by government reports received from Admiral Dewey, Gen. Otis and from other official sources. Where did Spain get the right to sell her rights in the Philippines, Senator Hoar asked. Where did the United States get the right to buy and sell people like sheep? He was certain that, for all the wealth and commerce and glory which he had eloquently depicted, the senator from Indiana would not have great injustice done. Senator Hoar declared the Filipinos had the Spaniards hemmed in Manila and the latter were obliged to surrender. He thought it would be necessary to revise the constitution before those Filipinos could be bought and sold. He did not believe Senator Beveridge would advise the American people to do this thing or to do anything so base as to strike down the infant Filipino republic.

Not Due to Talk in This Country.

Senator Hoar referred to Senator Beveridge's statement that the present condition of warfare was due to utterances in this country. This he denied and pointed out that in December, 1898, the president had sent a proclamation to Gen. Otis for publication to the Filipinos. Gen. Otis returned the proclamation with the statement that after full consideration of the terms "sovereignty," "right of cession," etc., he was convinced they were calculated to cause an immediate outbreak of hostilities. Gen. Otis amended the proclamation by making the statement: "I am convinced that it is the intention of the government of the United States to seek the establishment of the most liberal government in the Philippines."

After reading some passages from official reports Senator Hoar concluded, promising to discuss the question fully in the near future.

GAGE MAKES REPLY.

In Answer to Congressional Resolutions Defends His Transactions as Secretary of the Treasury.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Secretary Gage has sent to congress an account of the transactions between the treasury department and the National City bank of New York and other national depository banks, in reply to the senate and house resolutions of inquiry. There is nothing apologetic in the secretary's reply. It is a brief review of the history of the depository system, followed by a recital of the transactions of the department with the banks since his administration of the department began, with the reasons which guided him in his actions. Secretary Gage says that the policy pursued by him has been the established policy of the government for many years, and that under his administration of the treasury department no discrimination in favor of one bank against another has been made.

VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN.

American Soldiers Are Driving the Insurgents in All Directions South of Manila.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Gen. Otis reports that the campaign against the Filipinos who have held undisputed sway in the country south of Manila while the American forces have been engaged in scattering Aguinaldo's forces in the north is proceeding with vigor.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Reports from the movements of the American commanders south of Manila show that Gen. Bates and Gen. Wheaton are at Perez das Marinas and Gen. Schwan is at Silang. Two thousand armed insurgents have retired to the mountains from the district between Indang and Maig and others have retreated along the coast from Novelita toward Batangas.

GEAR THE NOMINEE.

Iowa Republican Legislative Caucus Names Him for Reelection to the Senate.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 9. — Senator John Henry Gear was renominated by the republicans in joint caucus Monday evening. A. B. Cummins' name was not presented because it had been determined that defeat was inevitable. Senator Gear was therefore nominated without opposition. The senatorial election will take place on Tuesday next, when the houses will meet separately and ballot; and on the next day they will meet in joint convention and take a joint ballot. The democratic caucus named Fred E. White, of Webster, as democratic candidate for senator and he will receive the compliment of his party's vote.

Killed by Her White Lover.

Chicago, Jan. 10.—Mrs. Maude Johnson (colored) was shot dead Tuesday by John M. Toner, who turned the weapon upon himself, inflicting a probably fatal wound. Toner was white, aged 54 and wealthy. The woman had been living with him at 2351 State street, where the crime was committed. He came from Terre Haute, Ind., recently.

Doctor's Awful Deed.

Hampton, Ia., Jan. 10.—Dr. G. W. Appleby, for several years the leading physician at Bristow, Butler county, in a fit of insanity killed a ten-months-old child of Henry Wearly, of this place, while making an examination of it in Dr. Hobson's office in this city for some trifling ailment.

Held for Trial.

Racine, Wis., Jan. 8.—Henry F. Corbett, the picture canvasser whose preliminary hearing on the charge of shooting Rev. David B. Cheney and wife on December 6 has just ended, will be held for trial. Corbett's bond was placed at $3,000.

Death of Dr. McGlynn.

Newburgh, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Rev. Dr. Edward McGlynn, rector of St. Mary's church, this city, famous for years as a coworker in New York with Henry George in the "anti-poverty" and single tax crusade, died of heart failure, aged 62 years.

Will Reside in California.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 11.—Phil. Armour, the Chicago millionaire packer, is at Pasadena, and has announced that he will make his future home there. He is negotiating for a residence.

Skaters Drowned.

Stoneboro, Pa., Jan. 10.—George Potter and Mabel Hogue, aged 16 and 15 years respectively, were drowned in Sandy lake while skating together.

Judge Assassinated.

Florence, Ala., Jan. 11.—Judge W. I. McClure, judge of the probate court, was assassinated in the street here by some unknown person.

Children Cremated.

Little Falls, Minn., Jan. 8.—Four children of Michael Kerrick, a farmer, were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the house.

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