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'T WAS A FAMOUT VICTORY.

The record of this country in the management of the Indians is not an enviable one. It is not one that will be a credit to us a hundred years hence, for we drove them from their homes, their own soil, killing more or less of them whenever and wherever they stood up for their rights, but in the long story of Indian warfare in this country there is nothing quite so miserable in all respects as the slaughter of women and children and of practically unarmed Moros in the crater on the island of Jolo, in the Philippines. General Leonard Wood admits the nature of the slaughter, but they were Mahomedans of the extreme sort, and so they had to be killed.

He refuses, like the Standard Oil crowd, to present particulars. As he held and still holds the creator, he could readily have counseled the women and children he had caused to be slaughtered, but he declines to lay the figures before the people. He assumed full responsibility for the wretched slaughter that he ordered and supervised, and the President has cabled him congratulating him on his "brilliant feat of arms," but this official floundering will not remove the disgust that fills the breasts of the American people.

The fortifications bill just reported expressly provides that no money shall be spent at Subig Bay, in the Philippines, and that fact, together with the Leonard Wood slaughter, may be regarded as the beginning of a return of common sense in the handling of the Philippines. Decent people, regardless of party, are coming to think that we cannot get rid of those islands too soon or too thoroughly. The Moros are entitled to liberty, and they have a right to be fanatical Mahomedans if they so desire, and Gen. Leonard Wood has no right to exterminate them. It is his duty to preserve order, but he is not justified in pursuing a policy of extermination. It is a bad piece of business first and last.

PACKING SUPREME COURT.

The retirement of Justice Brown brings before the President the question of succession, and the air is full of rumors. One rumor runs to the effect that Judge Gray of Delaware will be nominated, but a republican paper says this would not "do," because the democrats would then have a majority of the court. There are but three democrats in the court—Fuller, Peckham and White—but the republicans may consider Justice Harlan, who is a friend of the masses as against the classes, a democrat. Counting in that way the democrats would, in case of Judge Gray's appointment, have five out of the nine members of the court.

It is believed, however, that the President will appoint no one who is hostile to the imperialist theory of the power of Congress over our island possessions—our colonies, in other words. He appoints Justices O'Neil and Holmes, and both are considered imperialists. It is the law to be added a third man, the great one by his to have a majority of 4-3 to say the least. Consequently Fuller and Justice Harlan are as good as to be retained in the court for years to come.

Justice Henry B. Brown Michigan, Justice William R. Day, Ohio, Justice John M. Harlan, Kentucky, Justice David J. Brewer, Kansas, Justice Edward D. White, Louisiana, Justice Joseph McKenna, California, Justice Rufus W. Peckham, New York, Justice O. W. Holmes, Massachusetts.

ROOSEVELT AND TOGO.

President Roosevelt's general order addressed not only to American soldiers and sailors, but also to plain American citizens, calls for a big navy and a big army, and big lots of patriotism in the individual breast. He commends to all the farewell address of Admiral Togo after he had smashed the Russian fleet. Togo Heihachiro is as man with a pen as he is with a battleship filled with 12-inch guns, and the President did not make a weak selection when he put before our sailors and soldiers his remarkable post-letum address.

The Japanese commander told his men that in peace they must ever be prepared to meet any emergency by maintaining their strength. "His strength," he went on to say, "does not consist solely in ships and armaments; it consists also in material ability to utilize such agents. When we understand that one gun which scores a hundred per cent of hits is a match for a hundred of the enemy's guns each of which scores only one per cent, it becomes evident that our sailors must have recourse before everything to the strength which is over and above externals. This is a triumph recently won by our navy are largely to be attributed to the habitual training which enabled us to garner the fruits of the fighting. If, then, we later the future from the past, we recognize that though war may cease we cannot abandon ourselves to ease and rest."

This was the lesson of the great admiral's address. He told his people that both men and machines must keep step with the progress of the times if Japan is to remain secure against aggression, and President Roosevelt asks this country to become as full of preparedness and martial desire as Togo Heihachiro desires Japan to be at all times in the future.

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