

REMARKABLE DECLARATION.

The President's Philippine Commission Says "Our Intentions Are Honorable."

The President's Philippine Commission has issued a proclamation regarding the future government of the Philippines setting forth the intentions of the United States in view of recent developments in the Island of Luzon, which will convince the natives that the Americans excel in humor, for he has permitted thousands of them to be killed and wounded, McKinley instructs his commissioners to "assure the people of the Philippine Islands of the cordial good will and fraternal feeling which is entertained for them by the President of the United States and the American people." Positively the wolf has been in the sheep's clothing and fraternal feeling for the innocent lamb of the natives makes a meal. After the natives assurance of the President McKinley leaves them in no doubt as to the disposition which will be made of the islands.

This is the message which the commission brings to the Filipinos: The supremacy of the United States must and will be enforced throughout every part of the archipelago, and those who resist it will accomplish no end other than their own ruin. That settles the question of an independent Filipino Republic as far as this administration is concerned. The thousand islands are to be compelled to submit to the supremacy of the United States, and if we are in the business of conquest and are waging war for that purpose, the enforcement of this supremacy is indispensable. After having destroyed any hopes which the Filipinos might have entertained for a government that would in every respect be a representative Filipino Republic, the President proceeds to the natives, through his commission, how they can be happy if they accept the program he has laid down.

"The aim and object of the American government," the natives are told, "is the elevation and advancement of the Philippine people to a position among the most civilized peoples of the world." How this commendation is to be accomplished the commission explains at length and expresses regret that these "pure aims and purposes have been misinterpreted to some of the inhabitants." The Filipinos, it may be remarked, are not the only ones who have been at a loss to know what were the real purposes of the administration. Seventy million Americans have been ignorant as the natives, although the President has been appealed to time and again to make some explicit declaration of the intentions of the administration. They know that, by way of Manila and through a commission which has traveled nearly half way around the globe, what the ultimate disposition of the islands is to be, but it is the authoritative announcement that has been made since the doctrine of "benevolent assimilation" was promulgated.

The Filipinos are to be granted the most ample liberty and self-government reconcilable with a just, stable, effective and economical administration of public affairs and compatible with the sovereign and international rights and the obligations of the United States. This is a very impressive declaration on its face, but the doctrine of self-government to be given to the natives depends so largely upon their conception of what are our sovereign and international rights and obligations that time alone can reveal what is really in the mind of the administration and to what extent the natives will have control of their own affairs. Independence, as the Filipinos understood it after the War of the Revolution, is out of the question.

The President also promises the Filipinos an "honest and effective civil service in which, to the full extent to which it is practical, natives shall be employed." There cannot be an effective civil service for the Philippines, however, unless there is an honest civil service in the United States, and it has more than once been intimated that the President intended to make substantial concessions to the spoilsmen in this country. If he yields here, it will not be long before the Philippine civil service will be controlled by the spoilsmen and will be corrupt and inefficient.

"Honor, justice and friendship," said the use of the Philippine people for islands as an object of exploitation. This is quite true, but will honor, justice and friendship prevent their "exploitation?" An act of Congress was necessary to keep those who wanted to secure Porto Rico from grabbing everything in sight and exploiting the

islands to their own advantage, regardless of the welfare of the Cubans and Porto Ricans. Congress is not in session now to forbid the granting of concessions in the Philippines to those who will endeavor to "get in on the ground floor" through political influence. This is the sort of "exploitation" which will be attempted in the Philippines by men who may have the favor of the administration. It was stated recently, on the authority of an agent of the Agricultural Department, that two-thirds of the land in the Philippines was vested in the Spanish sovereignty and would revert to the United States. What an opportunity this will offer to syndicates which have "influence" in influential circles in Washington!—Baltimore Sun.

Canteens Not Abolished.

The Secretary of War recently requested the opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether section 17 of the army reorganization act, passed at the last session of Congress, prohibits the continuance of the sale of intoxicating drinks through the canteen sections of the post exchanges which are organized and maintained at the various army posts and encampments throughout the United States.

The Attorney-General, in his reply, decides that the section in question does not prohibit the continuance of the sale of intoxicating drinks through the canteen sections, as heretofore organized and carried on, except that no officer or enlisted man can be detailed from duty in the canteen section to do the selling.

Section 17 of the army reorganization act is as follows: "No officer or private soldier shall be detailed to sell intoxicating drinks, as a bartender or otherwise, in any post exchange or canteen, nor shall any other person be required or allowed to sell such liquors in any encampment or fort or on any premises used for military purposes by the United States; and the Secretary of War is hereby directed to issue such general order as may be necessary to carry the provisions of this section into full force and effect."

The Attorney-General holds that "the regulation of the post exchanges and canteens being within the power of the Secretary of War, the act means that he shall, by order, modify the regulations upon that subject so as to make them consistent with the provisions of this act. To that end it will be requisite that he shall determine the question of the persons who may be employed in the post exchanges, and such other conditions and requirements in connection therewith as his good judgment may dictate."

The decision of the Attorney-General on the army canteen legislation of the last Congress has stirred the temperance and religious elements to activity, and to-night the superintendent of legislation of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the head of the reform bureau announced that they would not submit without a fight to the interpretation put upon the law by the Attorney-General, but would appeal to the President himself and would not rest satisfied until Mr. McKinley had acted. They indicated a purpose to begin an agitation of the matter in the churches and to have them exert pressure on the President.

Sang Hymns to City Council.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 5.—One hundred of the religious women of Chattanooga last night sang hymns in the city council chamber during a meeting of the aldermanic board. The scene was unique and inspiring.

During a recent revival meeting conducted by Rev. "Sam" Jones the council, through the influence of the religious element, passed an ordinance requiring the saloons to close at 5 a. m. and not to open before 5 a. m. Recently there has been great pressure upon the aldermen to amend the ordinance and to fix the closing hour at midnight. It was reported the ordinance would be so amended last night.

While the council meeting was in progress a large number of women filed into the council chamber. One of them was given the privilege of the floor and made an appeal that the ordinance be not amended. After her address the further "indulgence" of the council was asked, and led by Mrs. L. B. Wilson, the ladies sang "Stand Up for Jesus," "Rock of Ages" and other songs. The aldermen were impressed. No motion to amend the ordinance was made.

For a War Against War.

Boston, April 6.—Among the communications received by the United Society of Christian Endeavor recently in connection with its proposition for a "War Against War and Peace by Arbitration," are two from former United States Presidents, Grover Cleveland and Benjamin Harrison.

Ex-President Cleveland wrote: "The members and the friends of the Society of Christian Endeavor have never entered upon an undertaking so practical and so noble as the effort they are now making to secure an abandonment of war as a means for the settlement of international differences; and if there is any substance to the claim that our institutions and the traits that characterize us as a people tend to national elevation and Christianization, it is eminently proper that our country should be in the lead in any movement in the interests of peace."

Ex-President Harrison's letter says: "For myself, and much more for the great body of its citizenship, I express the desire of America for peace with the whole world. It would have been vain to suggest the pulling down of block-houses or family disarmament; to the settlers on a hostile Indian frontier. They would have told you rightly that the conditions were not ripe. And so it may be, and is, probably, true that a full application of the principle is not presently possible, the devil still being unchained."

"It is by a spirit of love forbearance mastering the civil institutions and governments of the world that we shall approach universal peace and adopt arbitration methods of settling disputes."

A Mare's Nest Found.

HONG KONG, April 6.—The Filipino junta here has issued another of the extraordinary statements which have marked the newspaper campaign directed from Hong Kong by the agents of Aguinaldo.

In the present instance the Filipino agents say they have obtained their "information" from American sources at Manila. They assert the existence of "mysterious intrigues" on the part of the Vatican, Gen. Wesley Merritt, President McKinley, Gen. Elwell S. Otis and Archbishop Ireland "leading to the latter's journey to Rome." Continuing, the Filipino statement says:

"The Paulist Fathers' actions prior to the fall of Manila were suspicious. Now, in conjunction with Archbishop Nozaleda, who is intimate with General Otis, they are trying to procure the former ascendancy of the church in the Philippines, hence they are sustaining General Otis, who, as a Catholic, has refused to obey the Washington orders and transfer the command of his force to General Lawton, because he wishes to remain in power and assist the church to recover its real estate."

"The policy of the Paulists is more subtle than that of the Jesuits, and unless they are promptly recalled they will work further mischief. The Philippines are a valuable hunting ground for the church, hence the Titanic efforts to maintain its supremacy."

Shot Wife, Baby, and Self.

ALBANY, Ga., April 5.—Walter E. Jackson, his wife, and their three-months-old babe were found dead in bed this morning. Jackson and his wife each had a pistol shot in the head, while the child was shot through the body. Death was evidently instantaneous in each case. It is evident that Jackson first shot his wife and child and then himself. The deed was done during the night. The only other occupant of the house was Mrs. E. E. Richardson, Jackson's grandmother, who was not awakened by the shots.

Jackson was a young business man of high standing, and married Jamie Godwin, a leading society girl, a little over two years ago. Until recently he was cashier and bookkeeper for a warehouse firm. It is supposed he brooded over the loss of his position and killed his family and himself in a fit of insanity.

Death of a Leper in Ohio.

JUNCTION CITY, O., April 7.—Hannah Garey, aged twenty-two years, the older of the two Garey sisters who have been afflicted with supposed leprosy for the last seventeen years, died at their home, three miles from here, last evening after two weeks of intense suffering, the result of the dread disease invading the vital organs—probably the heart and lungs. About two months ago the Garey sisters were examined by a prominent specialist on that class of diseases from Chicago, who diagnosed their disease as genuine leprosy.

The family live on an isolated farm in Perry county, which is shunned by all the natives; no one can be persuaded to put their foot within the limits.

Is Bryan's Star Waning?

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Comment in political circles over the spring elections in the West has been quite animated today. The result shows a condition of public sentiment which foreshadows consequences of importance not only to parties but to individuals. The Republicans say the Democratic party of Illinois is split up into fragments, and the Democrats retort by asserting that a similar condition exists as to the Republican party in Ohio.

The friends of Mr. Bryan reluctantly admit that his star is visibly becoming paler, and no one was sufficiently enthusiastic as to claim from the present outlook that his chances of securing a two-third vote in the next national Democratic convention are very brilliant. As to Altgeld, of Illinois, he may still have some little power for mischief, but it is believed his star has permanently set.

There is much talk about combinations to be formed in both the Democratic and Republican parties with a view of controlling the presidential nominations next year. Some of the theories are both interesting and ingenious. They should not, though, be accepted with too much confidence, as public sentiment is at times very changeable, and the situation next year may be altogether different from present appearances.

Spaniards Help Filipinos.

MADRID, April 6.—The minister of war has received information that a large number of Spanish officers and other prisoners in the hands of the Filipinos have entered the service of the latter. Among the prisoners were some chiefs of the Spanish general staff and artillery. In Spanish military circles this explains the military organization of the Filipinos against the Americans, which hitherto has been inexplicable. The following semi-official note is published by a journal friendly to Premier Silvela:

"A rumor has reached the government to the effect that certain general officers who were thought to be in captivity have come to an arrangement with the rebels. The government has no proof that the statement is exact, but if it were so everybody will understand that the fault lies with the Americans, for they, from the beginning, prevented any negotiations for the liberation of the prisoners and placed the latter in the position of having to die of hunger or find some means of life. Under such circumstances it would not be surprising that individually some prisoners may have entered the service of the Tagalos."

Paul Perry, of Columbus, Ga., suffered agony for thirty years, and then cured his Piles by using Dr. Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It heals injuries and skin diseases like magic. Howard Gardner.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as the administrators of the estate of R. C. Scott, deceased, we hereby notify all creditors to present their claims properly verified to us on or before the 15th day of March, 1899, or this notice will bar their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate are requested to come forward and settle the same at once. This 15th day of March, 1899. Z. CHRISMON, D. SCOTT, Administrators.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrators on the estate of C. G. Fritchett, deceased, we hereby notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to us on or before the 15th day of March, 1900, or this notice will bar their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make immediate payment. This 4th day of March, 1899. O. L. SHAW, ROBT. J. HOLLEN, Administrators.

Executors' Notice.

Having qualified as executors of D. F. Caldwell, deceased, late of Guilford county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned or Wharton & McAlister, agents of Greensboro, N. C., on or before the 21st day of March, 1899, or this notice will bar their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. W. A. CALDWELL, W. B. BOGART, MISS BETTIE D. CALDWELL, Executors.

Mortgage Sale.

NORTH CAROLINA, GUILFORD COUNTY. By virtue of the powers vested in me by a certain mortgage deed executed on the second day of April, 1895, by Walter Hobbs and wife Laura Hobbs, of Guilford county, state of North Carolina, I will sell at public auction for cash at the court house door in Greensboro, N. C., on

MONDAY, MAY 1, 1899, at noon, the following described property: Beginning at a white oak, Hobbs' corner, running south 34 poles to a stone in the public road known by the name of the West Green Road, thence south 79 degrees west 46 1/2 poles to Cummings' corner stone, then north 17 1/2 poles to schoolhouse corner, then with schoolhouse line south 83 degrees west 55 1/2 poles to a stake or stone, then north with some variation 25 poles to a stake or stone, then east 5 1/2 poles to Fitzmaurice's corner, then with Fitzmaurice's line north 100 poles along the county road, then north 12 degrees west along said road and said line 45 poles to a sycamore tree in public road, then west 3 poles, then north 9 degrees west 45 poles to center of road, then north 62 poles to a stone, Fitzmaurice's corner, then with his line west 39 poles to his corner in Dundas' line, then north 56 poles to a post oak, then east 5 poles to the beginning, containing 110 acres more or less, except 15 acres lying along the old stage road sold to Ransom Bass, and two acres in extreme south west corner sold to another party. This 27th day of April, 1899. W. D. BEATTIE, Mortgagee. A. M. Scales, Attorney.

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