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A STRANGE SCENE.

The people of this countrythey that thought of it—had strange spectacle presented t their view on Washington's birthday, and one that ought to cause the lovers of liberty and fair dealing to stop and consider and ask themselves the ques tion, what does all this mean: When will this farce end? While the people of the country were celebrating the natal day of the Father of his country, his coun try's forces were engaged in per forating the bodies of the Filipinos with bullets, and asking themselves the question: What business have these insurgents with freedom? They are in the way of the army that is carrying this great land of liberty to its destiny, and they should be shot to death by thousands if they do not get out of the way. Now we say this is a strange thing to be enacted on the natal day of the Father of his country, by his countrymen. Had any one dared to predict such an event words would be inadequate to express the wave of indignation of the people. Yet it is true in every particular. The Filipinos are only fighting for that boon that Washington fought for seven long years, and the cause for which they are bleeding and dy ing is as dear to their hearts as any noble impulse that fired the American heart in the Revolu tionary period. The United States did not send Downy to Manilla to conquer these people but the Spaniards, and we have no doubt in our mind but what they gided the United States in expelling the Spanish, believing their independence would soon be assured. But be this as it may, the world is treated today to the strange spectacle of a war that commenced to free Cuba, waged in the Philippines to bring its people into subjection, and while in this land we were telebrating the day our hero. Washington, was born, in the far away islands of the sea our army was engaged in slaughtering a people who have been fighting for years to be free. Is it not strange?

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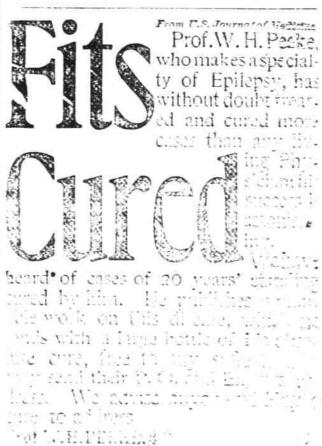
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REED AND THE DEMOCRATS.

There was one occurence in the closing scenes of Congress that will make the occasion historical, and emphasize the fact that the hero of today may tomorrow be repudiated and the dispised one of the present may be the popular hero of tomorrow and was the passage of a resolution introduced by the Democratic leader, Mr. Bailey en dorsing the course pursued ly Speaker Reed and thanking him for the impartial manner in which he had presided over the deliberations of the House. It we remember correctly, and we think we do, it was only a few years ago we were all denouncing Speaker Reed for counting a quorum, and calling him Czar and other harsh names. Nor is this all. Some of the Democratic Representatives wanted to cut his throat as he sat in the presiding officer's chair. Last Saturday, upon the eve of the adjournment of the House, Mr. Bailey, the Democratic leader. arose and after an eloquent speech in which he did not forget to eulogize the Speaker presented the resolutions of which we speak, and every mother's son of them, including old Joe Wheeler, of whom the dispatches the day before represented him being snubbed by Reed, hopped on their feet and put the resolution through with a rush While there is nothing wrong in the voting of this vote o thanks, and the members had a perfect right to thus complime 1 Mr. Reed we can not refrai. from remarking, we were liars back yonder about ten years age when we denounced the Speak er and called him a Czar and at hat, or else we were liars las Saturday, for as the Ethiopian has not changed his skin, or the Leopard his spots, so is Mr. Reed the same kind of a man and Speaker then that he is now. Verily, how we change.

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