

CONGRESSMEN FAVOR FILIPINO INDEPENDENCE



Congressman Edward J. King of Illinois.

Washington.—"The appointed hour is here; let the Philippines be free." This was the keynote of a speech by Congressman Edward J. King of Illinois, (Republican) in which he reviewed the American occupation of the islands from the first day to the present time. He declared that the United States was honor bound to grant independence without further delay.

Congressman King is one of an increasing number of Republicans in the House who are urging quick action on Philippine independence. Mr. King is the author of a bill which provides that within one year the Philippine government, under presidential proclamation, may assemble a convention and frame a constitution. After the constitution is ratified by the Filipino people the President may recognize the Philippine islands as "a separate and self-governing nation." The transfer of authority is to be completed within one year. Provision is made for safeguarding American investments in the Philippines and for the providing of coaling stations and submarine bases in the islands by the United States.

Word from the Philippines is that the people expect early independence and will be sorely disappointed if they do not get it.

"No nation has the right," said Congressman King "to hold another people in peonage, even though it may be argued by the professoriate that the condition is simply one of tutelage."

"A little more observance of the golden rule in national and international affairs would soon dispel that desire for exploitation, the fiercest foe of freedom in the world today."

"When we went to the Philippines we declared before the whole world that we were not actuated by any selfish desire of conquest or territorial aggrandizement, but solely by humanitarian impulses."

Congressman King called attention to the fact that Filipinos are now raising funds to erect a monument to Admiral Dewey, which he said was indirectly a tribute to the American people as well as to Dewey. He recalled the cable that Dewey had sent to President McKinley, which was as follows:

"In my opinion these people (Filipinos) are superior in intelligence and more capable of self government than the natives of Cuba, and I am familiar with both."

Congressman King then recited the preamble to the Jones law, passed August 29, 1916, and declared it was a definite pledge of independence. The preamble stated "it is as it has always been the purpose of the people of the United States to withdraw their sovereignty over the Philippine Islands and to recognize their independence as soon as a stable government can be established therein."

Congressman King stated there was no question but that the Filipinos had established the specified stable government and; therefore, it is the solemn duty of the United States to grant the promised independence.

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NEW YORK, APRIL 24.—The revolutionary suggestion has been made that within another year or so, women will be in charge of the steeple-chases in this part of the country. The number of them who are entering horses for the cross country events at Belmont Park this spring might well foreshadow something of the sort. It has jumped forward more than 50 per cent over the 1920 season; and their horses are attention-getters, too. Mrs. Payne Whitney (daughter of the late John Hay) has entered five horses; Mrs. Brose Clark also sends in five names;

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and while the other women entrants are to be represented by only one horse apiece, there are some among them who have achieved renown enough to stand proudly by themselves.

A suit of clothes looked better to Thomas Shannon, panhandler, than freedom. He was on the point of being released from the Tombs, when he decided to swap clothes with Fred Stern, waiting trial for pocketpicking, and take Stern's chances of drawing a sentence. When Shannon's name was called for release, Stern, in the panhandler's shabby clothes—walked out. But there isn't much freedom of choice left in life these days, and somebody interfered with the mutually-agreeable arrangement.

After years when everyone had to have her house done a la one of the French Louis' or Elizabeth English or Italian Renaissance, we seem to have come finally to the exceedingly Spanish. It makes little difference as to year, either, just so it comes from that picturesque peninsula. Interior decorators for the past two months have been trying to slip out of New York harbor, Spainward bound, without letting any other interior decorators get breeze of the fact, and now they are beginning to slip back again, bearing old Spanish hangings and doorways and other treasures under their arms. Some of us will probably get by just with hanging a pair of castanets to the chandelier, but at least we must show an effort to keep up with such things.

Even common sense is given an extra boost if you hitch a romantic filip to it somewhere. That's the idea of a new moving picture just being put out. People—young people, particularly—used to be told that it was good to be sensible. Now they're shown how attractive it is. "The High Road," is the title of the picture, which was screened down in Georgia, which makes a specialty of romantic moonlight and the scenery to go with it. It is the story of a typical small city where the loveliest girls in lacy frocks and high heels eat chocolates and talk sweethearts most of the day and drive and dance in the moonlight a considerable part of the night; a harmless but rather empty and un-strengthening life. Along comes a girl who has learned to play tennis and "hike" and cook out-of-doors and do a thousand other things that are fun. (She had learned them from the Y. W. C. A.) and learned to wear low heels while she did them. She doesn't make any particular sensation at first.

But before long she captures the most eligible men. Then interest is aroused in her "technique," as it were. And when a group from the bureau of social education of the Y. W. C. A. comes down a new day dawned. Flat heels come as naturally as talcum powder after that. Most of the cast are professional movie people. The bureau of health education, 600 Lexington avenue, New York, will arrange a showing of this film in towns upon application from representative organizations.

Pretty soon we will pay for our salad dressing by the dropper full when we settle our luncheon check. New York restaurants are beginning to sell their cream for your coffee or your baked apple by the ounce. Ordering coffee doesn't mean anything but coffee these days. If you don't like it black, you specify how much cream you want, and then you pay for it. "It makes it easier for the patron," is the polite explanation of a restaurateur. "Then he doesn't have to complain and bother about not having enough. He can order all he wants to use." One admits the considerateness of the plan.

Girls who have policemen for suitors ought to be tagged in some way. It is hardly fair at present. Ira Carter learned the difficulties of such a situation the other night. When he accosted Alice Fey on the street, thinking she might like to take a stroll with him, he knew nothing whatever about the fact that she not only had a policeman sweetheart, but even at that moment was enroute to meet him. He thought Alice was nice and agreeable, because while she did not talk to him, she passed two or three traffic cops without speaking to them about him and he kept walking on at her side expecting her to begin chatting any moment. Presently, however, it developed that she was all the time walking toward the corner where waited her husky beau. One word to him and Ira stretched flat upon the cold hard pavement. And as soon as he managed to rise again, he was taken to the police station and locked up. While Alice Fey walked along at her sweetheart's side and smiled gently.

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