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 he president nas given much to the
blo. $m$ ich from them. He has had a ouch with popular feeling, and the
people have beped him improve it At Wastington the president's assopoliticians. Congressmen frequentl) sentiment in the long periods of a have shown in the last year that they
are apt only too often to present to the chief executive false idens of the
hopes and ambitions cherished by he voters in far distant states. With the people, however, there is $n$ deceptions. From the reports al long the line of Mr. McKinley conntered on all sides a strong, popuandiences listened approvingly to What be said of the better times and was reserved for the allusions which cently brought. within our grasp
would be retatnêd. After such an experience Mr. McKinley cannot bu elearer perception of what the American people wish and a firmer

## disappointed.

The demonstration of public opin have been given the president under Neither of the two senators nor on bas come forward as a champion annexation. Not one of them al ritorial nequisition. The popular de mand for retaining in pence all that quired and received no special couragement. It sprang up spon-
taneously in the sonl of general in telligence, common sense, and patriot lso. to the Repultion great good fortun the presidential finty in lowa the policy of expansion into specia Nor will the benefit be confined at state. The same impulse needed in Illinois that Mr. McKinle Iowa. It is to be hoped that the en erary of the presiden tal party will be so planned tha he will have the same opportunitie eive his. The more generally this xchange of sentiment is carried on be better prepared will be both presi mill Spain bas thrust upon them and

DeWitt's Littie Eariy Riscrs.

## THE LADBONES AND CAROLINES of $A$ ug. 12th is reeeiving much le the last part of article 2, which vides that Spain shall cede to the United States "an island in Ladrone archipelago, to be chosen by

 Untted States." Reference was udoubtedly had to Guam, which w the way to Manila.
Edward Van Dyke Robinson contends in the last number of the Inde
pendent that the Ladrones and Carolines, taken together, are as important as the Philippines, thougg
they have only 1.000 square miles of area and 46,000 population. His full
contention is of course little short of the absurd. Nevertheless it con-
tains a grain of truth. Mere size and population are not the only
measues of the importance of a
territoy. territory. Gibraltar has less than
two quare miles of area, but there
is not money enough in the coffers of all nations to buy it. Great Britain Would no more give up the key to
the Mediterranean or Malta or Aden ing and unmanning of its navy.
Mr. Robinson remarks of the lar islands of the Caroline chain and the Ladrone group, that they are in
"every way fitted to serve as coal-
ing, cable and naval stations, com ing, cable and naval stations, com
mercial ports of call and of supplits,
and, if need be, fortified military posts." The two groups taker to-
gether lie near or upon the following
routes, destined to become the great highways of Oriental commerce: Be-
tween Australia or New Zealaṇd and China or Japan; between South
America and Sentral or Southern Asia; between the United States and
Central or southern Asia; between the Nicaragua caual and Central o
Southern Asia.
The two groups are to the Western The two groups are to the Wester
Pacific much whant Hawaii is to the
Eastern Pacific. It is nearly 3,000 miles from the most westerly of
hese islands to Honolulu, and at least 1,200 to any good port in the
Philippines. For Spain the Carolines and the -Ladrones have never bad
great value. They are simply small great value. They are simply small
patches of territory productive of
little revenue and of no commercial little revenue and of no commercial
significanse. Spain is not a commer significanse. Spain is not a commer-
cial nation. It has never derived
any advantage nor could it derive any advantage nor could it derive
any from the relations of the Caro-
ines and Ladrones to the fcur routes nes and Ladrones to the fcur routes
of ocean travel pointed out by Mr.
Robingon. It does not-follow, howRobinson. It does not follow, how-
ever, that Spain would give them up except under compulsion or for money consideration largely in ex-
cess of their preent valne. - But the
question from the American point of view is not what Spain wants, but what the fature of the United States
requires and what the fquities of the case justity
In this connection it must be burne in mind that if we do not ac
upain's islands in the Pacific hey may be sold to Great Britain, Germany, or some other power, and
hus become a menace to our peace and our prosperity. Such an-ovent hould be provided against asid rom all questions of our policy annexing or not annexing the the
groups.
STAND BY THE PRESIDENT:

It is clear now that William Mc
Kinles's tour throngh the Mid 1 l Kinleg's tour throngh the Midale West is of epoch-making signifcance. ours of the country, but no other president ever did so under suck
circumstances as the present. Other presidents have spoken to the people on what their administrations and their parties had done in years past
President McKinley is speaking to the people on questions that one year go had no place in the misds of our presidents have pointed the people
to the record of deeds that had been one. President MoKinley faces th roblems of the fature.
If destiny American. The spirit of ploneer ature. As the representative of this spirit, President MeKinley exhorts it to be confident, bold, and
loyal in the discharge of its new loyal in the discharge of its new
duties. He is not preasbing a new

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