

thought. May you yet find such a wife. Goodbye, dear Mr. Rice, goodbye.

"DOLLY PAGE."

There are some men, as well as women, who could figure in the role of Evangeline, who have tender, loyal and constant hearts. Such a one was the driver of the Lucky-dog stage. But, though he sat on that box two years longer, and scrutinized every dark-eyed, sweet-voiced lady passenger who rode in his coach during that time, often with an intense longing for a sight of the face he craved—it never came. Out of the heaven of his life that star had vanished forever, and nothing was left him but a soiled photograph and a tear-stained letter, worn with frequent folding and unfolding.

THE END.

### A Portrait of Christ.

Again we have the old chestnut of a rare piece of historical evidence lost and found. This time it is not a "priceless manuscript", discovered in the damp vaults of an old monastery, but a bronze medal. It was found in a curiosity shop at Rome by a Frenchman named Boyer d'Ague. He bought it for ten centimes, because of the Hebrew characters on it. When he came to look closer he found the effigy of Jesus. This effigy is described as differing from the usual picture of Christ, which was stolen by the artists from Apollo, the sun-god of the Pagan world. He was painted with golden ringlets and blue eyes! Think of a Jew, pure-blooded from David's time, with yellow hair, blue eyes and a straight nose!

On this medal the forehead is high, nose long, straight and pointed, mustache slightly marked, hair long and curly. The face is "extremely fascinating". The Hebrew characters are interpreted to read: "The messiah, the king, will come in peace. He is the light of men, incarnate and living."

This medal is being duplicated and the duplicates sold at high prices. This last sentence reveals the animus of the whole affair. The medal cannot be sold as manuscripts are, for it would not bring enough money. It may be multiplied until it will do so.

The archaeologists who have examined it pronounce it "very ancient"; they do not nor can they fix its date. The curio shops of Rome are factories where trained artisans work at the production of antiques, and with such skill that even in manuscripts the most proficient are often deceived.

This restless search for evidence, the seizing of such straws, shows the feverish state of anxiety the believers of the Christian doctrine are in, and is an acknowledgement of the insufficiency of their evidences.—[Progressive Thinker.

## WHICH IS RIGHT?

### A Swift Success in the Philippines.

We shall succeed swiftly in the Philippines, because humanly speaking we cannot do otherwise. We have 25,000 energetic American soldiers, fairly well led by generals who are at least men of many years of professional experience; our troops are well armed, well led and well fed. If we do not succeed, surely it will be the first time in history when American or English soldiers fairly well led have not crushed out the resistance of a barbarian or semi-civilized foe. The insular position of Luzon admits of effective co-operation by our navy. The whole island of Luzon is not equal to half the area of Oregon, and its insular position permits of a combined movement of our army and navy that must quickly result in crushing out the insurgents. Of course, when their main military strength is broken, there will be transient guerrilla warfare in mountain and jungle, just as was maintained by the untamed Indians of America twenty-five years ago, but the ultimate was a surrender to our wolf pursuit,

Whose long gallop can tire  
The hound's deep hate; the hunter's fire.

The sentimental anti-expansionists of New England say we can only occupy Luzon by extermination. Very well; what of it? We are ready for that; we have always been ready for that gloomy alternative since the ancestors of the New England anti-expansionists and anti-exterminationists exterminated the Wampanoags, the Pequots, the Narragansetts, shot King Phillip, executed Maitenomoh and Canonchet. We Americans, who hunted down Vittoria, Cochise, Geronimo and Sitting Bull, in the interests of law and order, will certainly hunt down Aguinaldo and his followers. The British have done it in India and in Burmah under far more difficult circumstances, and we will surely do it if it is necessary. The New England anti-expansionist press says, "Will we hold Luzon at the cost of the extirpation of the Tagals?" Yes; why not? The Pilgrims and the Puritans held New England only by the extirpation of the Pequot, the Wampanoag and the Narragansett; why not hold the Philippines by the extirpation of savages and pirates and barbarians? That has been the rule of all civilization.

Under any other rule the world today would be inhabited by Apaches. Our forests would be filled by the sound of no sawmill; the world would be inhabited by timber

wolves and more savage men.

When the Saxons invaded Britain they finally obliterated the native Celts, and when the Normans under William the Conqueror invaded and conquered England, they did not extirpate the English, because the English had sense enough to see that it was better to surrender than be slaves or corpses. The Saxons were wise, because they soon absorbed the Norman element to their own advantage, and soon the Norman-blood kings of England were both proud and politic to proclaim themselves Englishmen rather than Normans.

We have the advantage of the object-lessons of English experience in India. The empire of British India began in a mere trading factory, a trading company chartered early in the seventeenth century. At that time the Dutch, the Portuguese and the French all had settlements on the coast of India. The protection of this English trading company finally led to the occupation of all India, from Ceylon to Lahore. The English gradually drove out the Portuguese and the French, but not until 1858, after the mutiny of 1857, did the British government assume the absolute administration of British India. We shall do better than England, because we have had her example and because we are a swift, practical people, who never say "manana" when a matter of business is brought up. Let nobody worry; we shall stamp out insurrection in Luzon, and shall stamp it out at small cost.—[Oregonian.

### "War is Hell."

Do we delight in war? No. Who does? God and some people. The Bible says thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not kill with a knife. Thou shalt not kill with a razor. Thou shalt not kill with a club. Thou shalt not kill with a pistol. Thou shalt not kill with poison. No! No! Thou shalt not kill in any of these ways.

Thou shalt not kill by imprisonment? Yes,

Thou shalt not kill by hanging? Yes.

Thou shalt not kill by war? Yes.

Thou shalt not kill by starving? Yes.

The Bible doesn't mean thou shalt not kill in any of these ways.

The Bible means that one man should not kill any other one man. That is awfully wicked.

But if lots of men kill lots of men, that is all right.

Our laws say so, and the laws of other nations say so, and the Bible

be blanked. What nations do—if they whip—is all right with God. The nations that conquer, say God didn't love the other fellows, and that is why they got licked.

In war times God is a god of battles, don't cher know.

We hear the preachers say so, and we hear them pray, "Oñ, thou god of battles, give us victory over our enemies," and both sides pray the same, the ones who lick and the ones who get licked. They each think they have a cinch on God. We hear the preachers preach about a god of love, and we hear them pray to him as the god of peace.

Are there two gods? If so, the devil must be one of them.

Here is a strange thing about this American-Spanish war.

The most Christian nation on earth fighting the most religious nation in the world.

Spain is thoroughly religious. Religious, but ignorant. Religious but proud. Religious, but cruel. Religious but wicked. This country is Christian, but don't work at it much. It makes Bibles and beer. It uses prayer books and whisky. It builds churches and opens saloons. It preaches morality and licenses brothels and gambling halls. We are heavenly in charity, but hell on robbery. We profess much and practice little. It is about a stand-off between us and Spain. We don't have bull-fights, but we have elections.

Spain planted the cross on this western hemisphere first. She took possession of this country in the name of Christ. And how often during our great Columbian celebration did we hear from platform and pulpit how that this country belonged to Christ, for it was taken possession of in his name by the Spanish. Oh, ye shades! Pizarro and Cortes representatives of Christ. They set up a god of gold and a bloody cross, and we worship the same today. And now that we have got their gold and their cross we are going to kick them out. But why not kick their emblems out with them? Never will we do that. We like gold as well as the Spaniards ever did in their palmiest days, and who knows how long it will be before the cross will dominate as powerfully here as it does in Spain today and ignorance be as universal? Religion thrives on ignorance.—[Humanity.

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