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LETTER TO THE PHILIPPINOS. Tom Morgan Writes Some Things to Our New Neighbors.

My Dear Misguided Human Brothers: Just lay down your fuses, bows and arrows and let me talk a little advice and give some information.

Now, to begin with, you fellows would do just as well climb into a sausage mill as to tackle Uncle Samuel. Uncle Samuel is a figurative expression for seventy millions of people. I do not want to see mince meat made of you. We have too many varieties of meat now. You may think you are receiving pretty hard treatment, but Great Scott! what would it be if Uncle Samuel should take a notion to send you a cargo of canned beef. You ought to be thankful you have escaped that.

Now let me tell you what to do: Stop fighting! It's only a matter of time when you'll get licked anyway! Surrender under one condition only—that you shall not be fed on canned beef.

You fellows don't know what a good thing you are missing by not wanting to become citizens of this grand country of ours. There isn't anything like it under the sun. You ought to send a delegation over to see us—this land of the free—land of churches and 40,000 licensed saloons; bibles, forts and guns; houses of prostitution; millionaires and paupers; theologians and thieves; libertines and liars; Christians and chain gangs; politicians and poverty; schools and scalawags; trusts and tramps; money and misery; homes and hunger; virtue and vice.

A land where you can get a good bible for 15 cents or a bad drink of whisky for 5 cents; where we have a man in congress with three wives, and a lot in the penitentiary for having two wives; where some men make sausage out of their wives and some want to eat them raw; where we make belogna sausage out of dogs, canned beef out of horses and sick cows and corpses out of the people who eat it; where we put a man in jail for not having the means of support

and on the rock pile for asking for a job of work; where we license bawdy houses and fine men for telling the truth on the streets; where we have a congress of 400 men to make laws; a supreme court of nine men to set them aside; where good whisky makes bad men and bad men make good whisky; where newspapers are paid for suppressing the truth and made rich for teaching a lie; where professors draw their convictions from the same place they do their salaries; where preachers are paid \$25,000 a year to dodge the devil and tickle the ears of the wealthy; where business consists of getting hold of property in any way that won't land you in the penitentiary; where trusts "hold up" and poverty "holds down;" where men vote for what they do not want for fear they won't get what they do want by voting for it; "where niggers" can vote and women can't; where the girl who goes wrong is made an outcast and her male partner flourishes as a gentleman; where women wear false hair and men "dock" their horses tails; where the political wire puller has displaced the patriotic statement; where men vote for a thing one day and "cuss" it 364 days; where we have prayers on the floor of our national capital and whisky in the cellar; where we spend \$5000 to bury a statesman who is rich and \$10 to put away a working man who is poor; where to be virtuous is to be lonesome and to be honest is to be called a crank; where we sit on the safety valve of energy and pull wide open the throttle of conscience; where gold is substance—the one thing sought for, and God is a waste basket for our better resolutions; where we pay \$15,000 for a dog and 15 cents a dozen to a poor woman for making shirts; where we teach the "untutored Indian" eternal life from the bible and kill him off with bad whisky; where we put a man in jail for stealing a loaf of bread, and in congress for stealing a railroad; where the check book talks, sin walks in broad daylight, justice is asleep, crime runs amuck, corruption permeates our whole social and political fabric, and the devil laughs from every street corner.

Come to us Filippies! We've got the grandest aggregation of good things and bad things, hot things and cold things, all sizes, varieties and colors ever exhibited under one tent.

We've got more guns, more bibles and more whisky than any two shows on earth. If you don't come we'll fetch you. "Read ye not the changeless truth, the free can conquer but to save."

"We want to save you first, then we'll salt you down. Then we'll give you a bible and you can get consolation out of it without extra charges. If the salt loses its savor wherewith shall it be salted?" "Who the Lord loveth, He chasteneth." "Thru' much suffering ye are made perfect." That's what our guns are for.

Of course when you fellows jine us you will have to stop eating each other. You will be our meat then. Our people won't stand it to see a lot of good meat wasted that way. You can eat each other's substance that makes the flesh. You can eat dog belogna or canned horse meat. It will expand our meat trade.

Now this letter ought to fetch you. Give Aguinaldo the marble heart. He's sold you out twice and would likely do it again. Besides we have bought you and have offered you all the inducements of civilization. Come to our arms.

P. S. Forgot to say that when you "jine" us your women would have to change their mode of dress. In other words they should have a more elaborate wardrobe and wear something more than a summer smile and a pair of ear rings. Nudity is not permitted with us except in the theaters and first-class ball rooms and then not with male men.

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The Labor Problem.

Editor COURIER-HERALD:

At present in all parts of the country and for that matter in the world there is a disposition on the part of the laboring classes to combine for self protection and mutual benefit. It is apparent to the masses that a tremendous struggle is impending between the capital and labor, and that in order to be prepared for the conflict, labor must be thoroughly organized and in a position to make its just demands known and respected.

So many abuses have insensibly grown up, so many unjust demands on the part of the employers, especially in manufacturing establishments, that it reads like a repetition of the Dred Scott decision slightly altered, that labor has no rights that capital is bound to respect. We see here in Oregon the sad spectacle of children, not more than twelve years of age, working in the factories for forty cents a day, who, in justice to them and to the state, whose protecting power should be thrown over them, should be in school during school term or at play or assisting their parents at home when not studying. Laws should be in force prohibiting the labor of children in mines, factories or any continuous physical labor until they have had at least a common school education. With the rapid development of labor-saving machinery in all the varied branches of industry, and the sure and gradual decline of what are called the middle classes into the ranks of day laborers, there can be little opportunity for the employment of all who will and must work for daily bread. It is, therefore, just and necessary that children should first be educated, even if the text books have to be furnished by the state, and secondly, that they be employed at remunerative wages, a sufficiency that will insure comfort and plenty. How to do this will be the study of the political economist from this time on, and labor, intelligently conducted, must settle itself to this work.

The trusts that have in the last few years become so formidable and threatening to the whole country depend for

their profits and huge margins on the laboring class—where a combination of capital can fix the price of wheat, the farmers great staple of wealth and export at 50 cents a bushel, and sell him the flour made from his product at eighty cents a fifty pound sack, it is possessed of an advantage that threatens the very life and well being of the country, because if capital can, by combining, put down wheat to fifty cents a bushel, it can reduce it still lower, and on the other hand, the flour trust can raise the price of the manufactured commodity to a dollar a sack. And the people under the present system are helpless to prevent the injustice and extortion. There must be at first a public sentiment aroused that will demand of the lawmakers a redress of grievance, that will demolish and repeal all laws of a sumptuary nature. That will do all that is possible to insure to the laborer and producer all his or her earnings, and failing in that then the only avenue open is the public ownership of the monopoly in question. Should every other measure fail, and, I, for one fear it will, then the whole people should own it, control it and operate it in the whole people's interest. For instance, there is one postmaster general, at a salary of eight thousand dollars a year. It is his duty to superintend the whole postal system of the country, and although the post office system might be improved especially where the corporations carry the mails by contract, still it is far in advance of the railroad system. The railroads have as many presidents as other purely ornamental officials as there are lines, their salaries ranging from one hundred thousand dollars per annum to five thousand, and for all that, their combined labor is no weightier nor useful than the one postmaster general. The people, who pay the salary of the United States official, also pay the hundreds of millions of dollars for the ornamental useless appendages of the railroad system. Labor pays all this and receives very little in return. It has built all the roads. It does not own a mile of track or a dollar's worth of rolling stock. It is owned by men, who not only did not build it and do not operate it, but who do not live in the country. In fact, much or nearly all the profits go to aliens in foreign lands, who have so little sympathy with our country and its institutions that they are anxious to forswear allegiance to the republic and swear allegiance to monarchs of other countries and humbly beg the privilege of becoming their subjects.

Labor has a mighty work to perform endless reforms to put in practice justice and equity to be dealt impartially irrespective of classes and for this purpose it needs and must obtain the very best material that human ingenuity can supply. They must elect men who have no suspicion of corporation taint on them who are not and have never been in monopoly's employ as counsellors and attorneys, whose sympathies and souls are and have been with the workingmen and not the masters, with the man and not the dollar; with humanity and not property. When such are elected and the proper and useful laws passed and enforced, then labor will have its rights and not before. By all means let labor combine for the distinct and avowed purpose of bettering their condition and for the elevation of common humanity. Surely God has intended that the common, plain people, who, as Lincoln said "He must have loved because he created so many" should have their innings, and the time seems propitious and conditions favorable for bringing the matter about. The country's destiny is in their hands let them rise to the occasion and show the world that they are worthy sons and daughters of revolutionary ancestors.

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