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THE BOGIE BOOK.

ASTORIA, Nov. 27.—Editor Astorian: I noticed in yesterday's Astorian some resolutions purporting to have been adopted by the Republican central committee. Can it be possible that the committee seriously contemplated going into the blackmailing business by blacklisting all who dare to criticise the sayings and doings of this committee.

I am, and always have been, a republican, and one reason for it is that republicanism has meant freedom, enlightenment and progress, but this committee seems to have just awakened from a long sleep, dating back to the dark ages, and are casting about for the rack and other instruments of torture of the inquisition.

Is this a revival of the inquisition, and are we to have paid inquisitors to dog our footsteps to learn if we dare criticise the sayings and doings of this high and mighty committee? This would make an excellent campaign document for the democrats to spring on the eve of election. It does not seem possible that men aspiring to be leaders of the republican party in Astoria would be guilty of anything so insanely suicidal as that. Surely you have been imposed upon.

If this is true I shall file away a copy of the resolutions together with the names of the committeemen to show to posterity. A. R. CYRUS.

Those resolutions were so artistically foolish, so perfectly absurd that they do not really merit serious criticism. The members of the central committee surely adopted them without understanding their purport and the committee should immediately recall the resolutions. The "big black book" frightens nobody, for the lion's skin fails to hide the other animal's ears but we do not wish outsiders to get the idea that the republican organization of Asloria has its headquarters in a lunatic asylum.

The black book editor would have an easy job. If disagreement with the black book idea counts he could secure a thousand names without trouble.

WOMAN'S RIGHTS MAINTAINED.

From the Waverly Magazine.

The fast express on the Yavapai and Tombstone railroad was bowling merrily along over the Arizona plains of sand and cactus. Perhaps the sunbeams had warped the track, or perhaps a petrified tree had fallen across it, but at all events, as it sped by the side of a parched river, the train suddenly left the track and rolled down the banks of the so-called stream like a child at play, landing in three feet of water with a splash, and causing a woeful mixup of the passengers, cushions, baggage and shoe boxes full of lunch. The occupants of one car extricated themselves from the hodge-podge and sought for means of exit, while stanching as best they could the cuts received from broken glass. But all places of egress seemed jammed tight. Then arose a woman's voice in emphatic demand.

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THE SECRET OF THE STRAIT.

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THE DISPOSITION OF AGUINALDO

HIS FUTURE A PROBLEM

Probability That He May Be Unmolested if he Effects His Escape to Hongkong.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—A special to to the Herald from Washington, says:

Though confident that the end of the insurrection is in sight, the president will not withhold any of the troops now under orders to proceed to Manila.

It is recognized by the administration that while Aguinaldo's army may be disbanded, many of his men will be roaming about the island of Luzon as banditti for months to come and it is desirable, in the interest of law and order, that there should be strong garrisons of troops stationed at strong stragetic points to suppress any bands or any latent spark of insurrection which may be discovered.

Then in addition to Luzon, there are the islands to the south, insurgents in which refuse to recognize the sovereignty of the United States.

Strong bodies of troops will be placed in these islands, and before the close of the dry season it is believed that peace will prevail throughout the entire archipelago.

Only three weeks have passed since General Otis inaugurated his active campaign against Aguinaldo, and the results of operations are thus summarized by an official:

"Aguinaldo's army is dispersed; members of his cabinet and congress and the president of his congress are prisoners, and Aguinaldo, with a small remnant of his followers, is a fugitive. The railroad connecting Manila and Dagupan is in American possession, and municipal governments have been established along the line. The occupation of territory extending from Manila to Lingayen gulf, 146 miles from Manila, and the garrisoning of the provinces is complete. It is not meant that these provinces are entirely pacified, for this could not be the case, but the insurgent force therein has been broken, and except for small bands, has fled, principally to the province of Zambalas' to which General MacArthur will now devote attention."

Considerable interest is being taken in official circles as to the disposition of Aguinaldo in case of capture. Some persons say the best solution would be his death in action, but this is not expected. Should he be captured, General Otis will undoubtedly await instructions from Washington as to the treatment he should accord him. Should Aguinaldo escape to Hongkong, the United States could not as a matter of right ask for his surrender, and the president would therefore doubtless determine to leave the insurgent leader alone.

In connection with the disposition of Aguinaldo in case of capture the authorities would have to consider the effect of the policy upon the natives.

When the insurrection is finally subdued a civilian or a commission will be sent to govern the Philippines. The archipelago will be divided into four military departments, the island of Luzon in two, over which Generals Lawton and MacArthur will probably preside.

General Otis needs a rest and is expected to return to the United States when he is satisfied there is no longer any need of his remaining at Manila.

THE SAMOAN QUESTION.

Report That a Trade Is to Be Made for Caroline Islands Denied.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—A special to the Herald from Washington, says:

It is stated authoritatively that there is no truth in the report from Berlin that Secretary Hay proposes to surrender American rights in the Samoan group in exchange for the Caroline islands. The matter has never been suggested in the negotiations in progress between the United States, Great Britain and Germany respecting the partition of Samoa.

It is no secret that the American peace commission at Paris made a determined effort to secure control of the Carolines by the acquisition of Ualan island, particularly desired for a coaling station, but since that time the Carolines have not been discussed by this government, either with Spain or Germany.

As evidence that this government has never contemplated withdrawing from Tutuila, an official called attention to the continuance of work on the coaling station being established at the harbor of that island.

The great value of the harbor of Pango-Pango in the future when the Nicaragua canal is built is generally admitted.

The Caroline islands, situated in a line between the Philippines and Hawaii, are also naturally a very desirable possession. But since the American commissioners failed to secure Ualan, the matter has not been before the president.

Representative Hitt, of Illinois, who will be chairman of the committee on foreign affairs during the coming congress, speaking of the report said:

"I cannot conceive why we should seek to relinquish Tutuila to Germany for additional territory in the Crroline group. We now have possession of Guam, one of the richest and best of the Caroline islands, and it meets all the requirements of the United States at present. It is possible that Germany might desire such an exchange, but I seriously question whether the United States has any intention of accepting such a proposition.

THE SEATING OF ROBERTS.

Most Important Question That Will Come Before the Coming Congress.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Though comparatively few of the representatives-elect have yet arrived in Washington, the expressions of those who are here make it very apparent that there will be a large majority of the members of the house opposed to allowing Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, to sit with them.

Interviews with those who have arrived lead irresistably to the conclusion that either Roberts will not be allowed to take his seat at all or that he will be expelled from it, after the house has had the report of a committee and has heard both sides of the case.

Mr. Roberts will not be without some supporters on the floor. The technical defense which he sets up meets the approval of some of the members and he will not be without champions able and ready to make a strong fight in his behalf.

The proceedings over his case bid fair to overshadow in interest the proposed financial legislation, the question leading to the newly acquired territory of the United States and every other matter that will come before the house at the beginning of the session. Just what the character of these proceedings will be no one at present knows.

Whether or not Mr. Roberts will be prevented from taking his seat at all when the other members of the house are sworn in will depend very largely upon the action of Mr. Henderson as speaker. Mr. Henderson has not yet intimated what course he will pursue.

The house has from time to time refused to allow men to be sworn in when there were conflicting credentials, but there has never been a case in which there was a refusal to administer the oath to a man who presented a certificate of election in due form and absolutely uncontested by a rival applicant for the seat.

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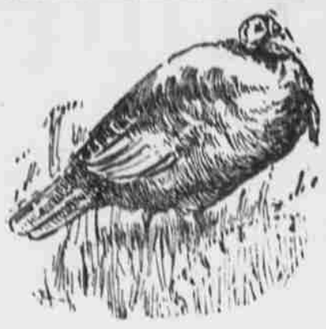

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