

# 11 YEARS OF UPLIFT FOR FILIPINOS

## Grand Results of the American Occupation of the Islands—Filipinos' Ancient Status Compared With That of Today.

What it feels like to be an American in the Philippines Mr. Haslin will tell in his next article. He will simulate the actions of the Yankee traveler landing at Manila, and will make a noise like a weary globe trotter having a good time along his own kind of people, after putting up with the multitude of physical discomforts suffered in every land traversed in the previous course of his journey.

By Frederic J. Haslin.  
Washington, Aug. 6.—It is only a little more than 11 years since Admiral Dewey fought the battle of Manila bay. It is not quite 11 years since the occupation of Manila by the American troops, and it is only eight years since American civil government was established in the islands. The achievements of American rule in that short time have revolutionized the life of the islands from the topmost circles of society in Manila to the everyday life of the dog-eating, head-bunting savages of the mountains. More has been done in a decade than Spain accomplished in over three centuries.

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Philippines enjoy a tranquility never before dreamed of in the islands. The Filipinos have been granted almost complete autonomy in municipal affairs and have been granted a large share in the legislative, executive and judicial government of the islands.

**Independence Talk Is Free.**  
America found a people which had never enjoyed free speech or free press. Men who spoke for the liberty of their countrymen were executed without trial. Persons who complained of the corruption of the government were cast into noisome prisons. All that has been changed over the years. The right of free speech is guaranteed, the right of petition is assured, and men may talk of independence as much as they please unless they advocate riot or rebellion.

**Before and After Taking.**  
America found the church and state completely separated but with great difficulty in demarcating the province of one from the other in government. Complete separation has been accomplished, the right of every man to worship as he sees fit is guaranteed. The rights of the religious orders were purchased and held for settlement by free holders. And all of this has been accomplished peacefully and without bloodshed. America found a fluctuating money in use, and replaced it with a fixed and stable currency used in every part of the islands. The money is the same and its value known.

America found the highways of the country in bad repair and few bridges worthy of the name. Many roads which reached the market. Wide rivers were unfordable in the rainy season, and there was no method of crossing them. The Americans have constructed hundreds of miles of highways and are incessantly pushing the work of new construction. They have built bridges and culverts of steel and concrete, and have connected widely separated communities by easy transportation.

America found one short railway, antiquated in equipment and managed by a very small number of the people. Up to this time more than 500 miles of good railway has been built and as much more is in course of construction so that within a few years the principal islands will be adequately provided with good rail transportation.

**One-Fourteenth Go to School.**  
America found 90 per cent of the people in absolute ignorance and a school system which offered no hope of bettering their condition. An American public school system now reaches a half million pupils out of the total population of 7,000,000. The percentage of illiteracy is still large, but the next generation will see it greatly reduced. The English language has already become common in many parts of the islands and it is spoken by a greater number of natives than is Spanish.

America found a pitifully inadequate postal system. This has been extended and improved until now every town and village is supplied by a regular mail, city delivery is established in the larger cities, and in some sections even rural delivery has been inaugurated. The telegraph system is a part of the postal service, one feature inherited from the Spanish, and it has been extended widely. The interisland cable service under American rule reaches very important commercial points in the archipelago.

**Sanitification and Sanitation.**  
America found Manila unpeopled, filthy with disease, a condition worthy of the fifteenth century. Today it is the finest city in the orient. The streets are paved, the swamps have been turned into beautiful parks, sewers have been constructed, an ample supply of good water has been provided, harbor and river improvements have been made, sanitary laws and regulations have been enforced, and now Manila is modern and clean.

America found a country in which the simplest sanitary precautions were disregarded, a country filled with cholera, bubonic plague, smallpox, beriberi and other diseases of like character. The plague has been eliminated, the endemic cholera is now quickly stamped out whenever it appears, and beriberi is almost a thing of the past. The bureau of health works constantly to prevent epidemic diseases, and is educating the people to take precautions. The bureau of science is studying tropical diseases, and has not only worked wonderful results of the islands, but has brought the medical profession of the world to a better understanding of the problems of the tropics.

**Convicts and Headhunters.**  
America found the prisons conducted like the prisons of the middle ages. Heartless cruelty being meted out to the unfortunates who were cast into jail, regardless of the nature of their crime or the hope of their reform. Prisoners have been converted into reformatory institutions, and every prisoner is given the opportunity to make himself for reformation as an honest man. A penal colony on an island paradise is governed by the same laws that govern the republican form.

America found the mountains inhabited by a thin race of the natives, living in a state of barbarism, and which were constantly at deadly war with each other, seeking heads of the enemy as trophies. The Americans have reached out among these people, have persuaded them to cease their warlike habits, and are bringing the wild tribes into touch with the civilization of their Christian brethren of the lowlands.

**Grafters Thrown Into Jail.**  
America found a civil service system which was entirely controlled by favoritism, and in which officers were almost openly bought and sold. Officers of the civil government were expected to add to their meager salaries by graft, and the expectation was always realized. Graft was universal and uncondemned. The great majority of the people had no conception of the possibility of honest administration. The Americans put grafters and defrauders into jail, and wonder of wonders to the Filipinos, the American grafter went to prison just as quickly as the native defaulter.

**Reform in the Judiciary.**  
America found a judiciary system sadly in need of reform. Litigation was protracted, expensive and uncertain. Cases were decided by the judge, not by the witness against him, and he had no compulsory right to subpoena witnesses in his own behalf. He was railroaded to prison without anything approaching the American understanding of a fair trial. The Americans have established a new judicial system, from the justice of the peace to the supreme court, although they have maintained the Spanish, or Roman, system of law. The trial courts are presided over by American and Filipino judges, and all are of the highest integrity. Appeals to the higher courts are a matter of right, and the old summary injustice is a thing of the past.

**Tax Distribution.**  
America found a taxation system which laid all the taxes upon the very poor. Persons of property or wealth were required to contribute little or nothing to the support of the government, and all taxes were wrung from the poverty-stricken by cruel methods. The Americans established a system of taxation which secured the necessary revenues by a levy upon the people in proportion to their ability to pay. The taxes are almost as high as during the Spanish regime, but the burden is more equitably distributed and the expenditures and revenues are of vastly more benefit to the people at large.

**Labor Has Been Dignified.**  
America found a people which naturally divided itself into two classes, the aristocrats who looked upon the masses as degrading, and the masses, who worked only enough to supply themselves with the most necessary necessities. The Americans have been endeavoring to teach the Filipinos of high and low estate, that there is no disgraceful. To some extent this effort has been successful. The Americans have taught the people to want more things, and they must work more to have them. But ten years is too short a time to make over the habits of a race which has lived in the same groove for ages.

America found the Philippines 11 years ago. The accomplishments of that brief period are wonderful—yet the march of progress there is considered all the more wonderful when the whole history of the United States is more significant than what it has done for the Philippines and the Filipinos.

**BUSY BURGLAR DONS VICTIM'S CLOTHING; OLD SUIT DISCARDED**  
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Pullman, Wash., Aug. 6.—The home of P. B. Ageton, on Grand street, was burglarized last night and \$116 in cash, a new suit of clothes, an entire outfit of underwear, shoes and hat, were taken while the family slept. The burglar entered the house through the front door, which was unlocked, and went upstairs to the room occupied by Norman Ageton, who had \$110 in cash in his pockets. This was taken, and the burglar took Norman's shoes, silk shirt, underclothes and straw hat. The case was taken off a pillow in an unoccupied bed in the same room, and it is supposed it was used as a sack for the plunder. The burglar then went to a nearby lumber yard and discarded his old clothes, donning the stolen outfit. His old clothes were found in the lumber yard with the pillow case taken from the Ageton home. Bloodhounds were given the scent from the clothes, and followed the trail to the Northern Pacific depot.

**THIEF PURLOINS ARTIFICIAL BEE**  
Berkeley, Cal., Aug. 6.—The model bee used in the department of entomology at the University of California for years has been stolen, and authorities are holding an investigation hoping to run across some clue that will lead to the thief. The insect was over a foot long. It was constructed in such a manner that it could be taken to pieces, so all parts could be examined, from the eyes to the antennae. Painted in natural colors the model was an exact prototype of the live insect, size excepted, and was considered a work of art by the students and professors. The loss of the valuable model was not discovered until work was started to put the buildings in readiness for the opening of the college term.

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