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CHAMBERLAIN'S ADVICE TO US

Nothing could be more timely than the interview given yesterday in New York city by Joseph Chamberlain, who, as England's secretary for the colonies, holds the reins of government over an imperial domain greater than the Roman empire at its best.

As Mr. Chamberlain says, "the United States is now face to face with the question of territorial expansion." By its side all other problems of the day in America dwindle into insignificance. The question confronts this country now, not because Porto Rico and Cuba are at last liberated from Spanish tyranny, but, as Mr. Chamberlain significantly observes, "by reason of its occupation and conquest of an island in the east." Nor does Mr. Chamberlain see in this the mere accident of war. The issue was bound to be made sooner or later "by virtue of the complicity and vastness of the commercial interests of such a progressive people as the Americans."

This is a very remarkable statement, coming from Joseph Chamberlain. It is the deliberate judgment of the highest authority on territorial expansion in public life. The present secretary for the colonies is not a Bismarck nor a Gladstone in general statesmanship, though he aspires to both, but upon matters coming within the scope of his portfolio he has no equal in any country. In his opinion the United States was bound by the trend of commercial events, independent of the exigencies of war, to acquire possessions in the Orient.

While American participation, soon or late, in solving the eastern problem, was inevitable, the war has put upon us a duty from which there is no honorable escape. This is the way Mr. Chamberlain puts it: "Having entered upon the struggle, the United States could not leave the islands involved in the warfare in a state of revolution, but must supply a peaceful and reasonably efficient government." The case, from the standpoint of national obligation, could not be more aptly stated.

What shall the government be? This newspaper on July 29 called editorial attention to the system of government now carried on in Egypt as furnishing a model for American jurisdiction over our newly acquired island. Mr. Chamberlain does the same. It is what he says on this point which gives most weight and pertinence to his interview:

"The United States now finds itself in much the same position as ourselves in Egypt. We are bound to put down rebellion, and we shall stay there until we do. What system of colonial government your people will accept is the most practicable and efficient is for you to decide, and, as I have said, you are not in need of advice. Great Britain went into Egypt to conserve the rights there of English commerce and citizenship, and we are bound to stay there until better government is assured."

The point of present insistence is that the United States shall shirk no responsibility and sacrifice no rights in the Philippines; that America shall do for its new insular territory what England has done for the land of the Nile—civilize it, enrich it, and reap from it the profits of the era of enlightenment and prosperity. The terms Philippine, Luzon, and Manila do not occur in the Chamberlain interview, but there is no concealment of the fact that the secretary's eye is single to the east, by the side of which the West Indian results of the war are little more than the fine dust in the balance. "A peaceful and reasonably efficient government" we

must supply to the people within the new sphere of American influence, and there is no better example of how to meet this duty than is found in the Anglo-Egyptian government of today.—Inter-Ocean.

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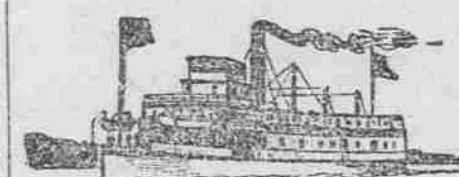
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