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NAVAL CONTROL OF PACIFIC.

John R. Proctor, president of the United States civil-service commission, has made one of the strong arguments for expansion. In Harper's Weekly for October 22d, he shows why, if we have a coaling and repair station anywhere in the Philippines, it will be expedient and advantageous to take all the islands. If we retain all the Philippine group, our only neighbors will be Japan and Formosa, Great Britain in North Borneo and the Straits Settlements, and the Netherlands in the Dutch islands. England and the Netherlands control the natives of Borneo with a small military force and both are friendly to American control in the Philippines. There will be no danger of friction so far as neighboring governments are concerned.

If we retain only a part of the islands, Mr. Proctor says, the remainder will inevitably fall into the hands of the European powers, and such disturbances will result as will necessitate a larger military force to hold one island than, under our sole control, it would require to hold all. If we retain only a coaling station we shall be forced to carry coal in time of war from San Francisco to this station. If we retain all the islands we shall have at our service the coal deposits of the islands of Cebu, Negros and Masbate.

Mr. Proctor contends that it would be supreme folly to retain Manila and the island of Luzon and surrender the coal islands to other powers. This would be putting the United States at the mercy of other colonizing powers. Should we retain all the islands the United States and Great Britain would control the coal supply tributary to the Indian and Pacific oceans, and could confine hostile naval movements of European powers to European waters.

Mr. Proctor's conclusion is that there would be infinitely less danger of foreign complications if we should retain all the islands than if we retain only one or two of them. He, therefore is convinced that the United States should never surrender the right to control the entire group. It would be as easy to govern and develop the group as it was for England to govern and develop Australia and New Zealand. We have in abundance men of large administrative ability, equal to making the Philippines not only self-supporting, but in time wealthy and progressive. Mr. Proctor believes further that the increased responsibility of good government in Cuba and the Philippines will have a most beneficial effect on home government, and provincial politics will give place to a broader statesmanship.

Mr. Proctor does not discuss the question of duty to the Filipinos, but confines himself to the advantages that annexation promises to the United States.

With the Philippines in our permanent possession we should be lodged at the very center of activity in the Pacific area, with its population of 878,000,000 population and its sea-born commerce amounting to \$5,000,000,000 annually. With the Nicaragua canal completed and in our control, with Porto Rico, Cuba, Hawaii, and the Philippines in our possession, we should be in position to secure more of the Pacific trade than any other nation.

And so it comes to pass that a Republican president has honored by name in a public address confederate heroes. Truly the civil war is a splendid memory, and the bravery of the federal and confederate is the glory of all citizens of the republic.

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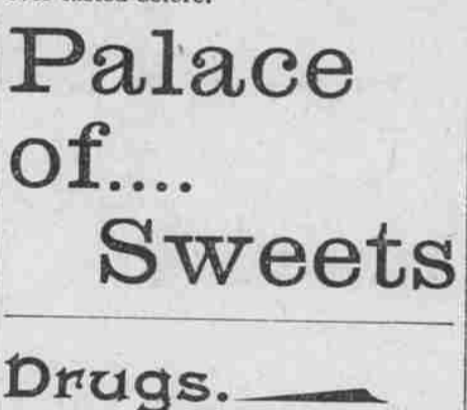
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