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PEACE COMMISSIONER'S VIEWS

A full history of the various stages of the treaty from those who made it can not be expected just now, but some of the American commissioners shed additional light upon the negotiations. Senator Frye touches on the testimony bearing on Spanish cruelties in the Philippines, a subject concerning which little was heard outside during the deliberations at Paris. It was a delicate theme with the treaty still pending. But it had great weight with the American members in making the final demand for all the Philippines. The evidence is complete that Spanish authority in the islands had become an atrocity of the worst kind. In recent years the regions held by the Spaniards had been an inferno. Torture and medieval cruelty were a common matter. This was proved by the records preserved by prisoners and by photographs of scenes of wholesale public executions. Witnesses appeared personally before the American members and piled up the proof until it became irresistible. Senator Frye compares the horrors to those of the inquisition. Our commissioners could not doubt their duty in the premises, and few will be left to disagree with them when all the facts are known.

It soon became evident to the American commissioners that turning the Philippines, or any part of them, back to Spain was simply impossible. Senator Frye does not believe that any American in possession of the evidence could consent to it. Nor does he think that there can be many who would divide the group among our commercial competitors. The idea of selling it does not appeal to his judgment. He is convinced that we shall keep the Philippines, and that by just treatment almost the entire population will be "an intelligent, industrious, prosperous, self-sustaining and contented people." Possibly at the end of 100 years, or some other long educational period, they might, in his opinion, be admitted to statehood. The treaty leaves us with free hands to hold the group in our own way, or for that matter, to dispose of it. But that it will be sold, transferred by partition, traded or abandoned is scarcely conceivable. It will be worth more to us than to others. It is plainly a national element in our commercial future, and came into our hands by a natural and perfectly honorable sequence of events. To falter in their acceptance would be a confession of national weakness somewhere.

Senator Frye touches upon a point that will be noted by the people with increasing interest as the duties of the future unfold. "If we give the Philippines a good government," he says, "there will be little difficulty. If we do not send carpet-baggers and political hacks and adventurers with an eye to making money there to govern this people; if we show wisdom and sincerity of purpose there will be no serious difficulty in the government." Similar words of caution were spoken by Col. Roosevelt a few nights ago at a New England dinner in Brooklyn. He said: "We must send only our best men—leaving them unhampered as far as possible—exactng results, but giving them liberty in attaining those results. If we treat those islands as the spoil of the politicians, we shall tread again the path that Spain trod so shamefully." The administration may be trusted to maintain its high level in this as in other respects. That is a matter of American honor, honesty and capacity. And so is the question of retaining the Philippines. There is no creditable way to give them up.

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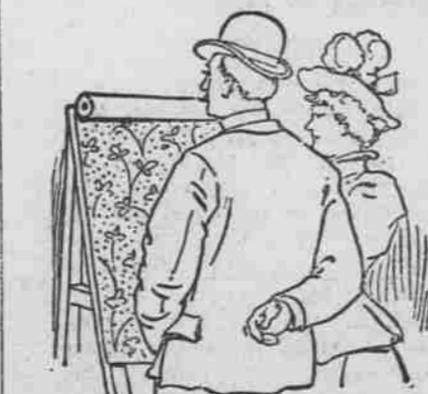


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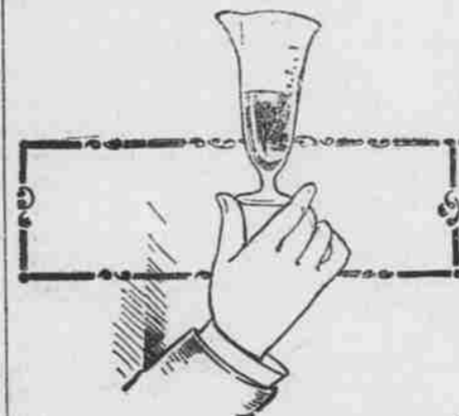
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