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Suit of Clothes.



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ABSURD PROTECTORATE TALK.
Nothing more vistonary in government has ever been proposed
than that the United States should go into the business of setting up ignorant races in republes to be pro.
tected by our army and navy.
republic presupposes capacity f self-rule. It is defined as a "state in in the whole body of the people, and is exercised by representatives elected which another power was supreme in any way, or claimed rights of tutepublic. There are some who insist Aguinaldo to form a republic, and Aguinaldo to form a republic, and
served as bis monitor and guardian during a probationary period. The Tagal revolutionists never showed place as pupils o! the United Stat They could never be persuaded define their demands, even orally. sovereignty, under American restrio sovereignty, under American restric
tions and temporary supremacy, the the compact would soon have become the compact would soon bave become apparent to both sides, and to the
world. In the first place, the Tagal idea of government is completely interand state have been much the same with them, with the church practical $y$ in the ascendant. The Tagals government of their own without positive ehurch affiliations and division of public revenue. To what
extent does any one expect the United States not only to found "republics" with an established chureh
but to protect them afterward with army and navy? If to avert this difficulty we had dictated absolute religious freedom to the Tagals we should be fut in the position of forcing a constitution npon them, of writing their fundamental law as the condition of allowing them io be an alleged republic. We could not whole archipelago without erushing many other tribes, and for the only reason that the Tagals desired ule over all and, being armed, were making themselves troublesome. If Phllippines at all it must be with ree band and under its own estab. lished lines of aetion. A protectorate experiment would quickly become nightmare of contlietisg authotity hopeless tangle of balt-way sover tgnty to be settled at last by the taw of force.
Instead of ordaining somethin abeled a Tagal republic, with a con stitution shaped by ourse! ves, which

| the revolted tribe would have rejected in any case, the United States has pursued a straight road, a policy cleariy defined and perfeetly intelligible to every other nation. The sovereignty of the Pailippines is ours with all responsibilities acknowledged. Our army and navy are protecting the slands, but not on lines lafd down by sem savages or insurrectionary jontas. Our deerzes are ciecisive, and not by indirecticn. Our generals can act without conferring with a Filipino cabinet. Many who began by calling the policy adopted imperialistic are working over to a sort of middle ground. Demoeratic leaters can be named |
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nations." and to confer "local sovereignty." The Republican party is
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