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IN A NUT-SHELL.

The San Francisco Argonaut puts the Philippine question in this brief form: "We do not want the Philippines, we want the Philippines." That is the milk in the cocoanut. The people of the islands are in the way, and some Christian method of getting away with them will have to be devised in order, that the people of the United States may not be too greatly shocked.

The unappropriated natural wealth in the Philippines is what is desired. Even the freedom-loving Americans are hungry for land and this is why the war in the islands is prolonged. The American people will have to be very alert to prevent the land grabbers from enslaving the natives of the islands and owning them with the land. Nations that are in the business of land grabbing grow to have little care for equal rights and everything for privilege.

The accumulation of wealth by the few favors privilege, as against equal rights, and fosters government by the few, making eternal vigilance on the part of the many the price of their liberties. With both wealth and power centralized, and the few in possession of both, the many will discover their rights gone, with no chance of redress. In short, they will be in the present predicament of the Filipinos, a despised people, powerless in the hands of their land-owning, land-capitalizing, land-monopolizing enemies.

The man who has no rights to or in the land is a slave, it matters not whether he is white, brown or black. When access to land is denied to the many by the few, and that is certain to come to pass under the stars and stripes unless the people become more vigilant, free institutions and government by the people will be impossible existences.

MRS. MCKINLEY'S PENSION.

The dispatches inform a waiting world that Mrs. William McKinley received today the first quarterly installment of the pension granted her by congress. As a wife of an ex-soldier and ex-president she is to receive \$5000 a year. That she is deserving of it as the wife of a man who fought as a soldier for his country goes without saying; that she is entitled to it as the wife of an ex-president is open to doubt.

But more than all, she is not in need of it, as she is a wealthy woman in her own name, and, in addition, was left several hundred thousand dollars by her husband, the late William McKinley.

Mrs. McKinley had an abundance of this world's goods to keep the wolf from the door and even to enable her to live in luxury, without having to submit to the degradation of becoming a dependent pensioner upon the national government.

If she would follow her womanly instincts and return the money to the government with her generous thanks and appreciation, it would testify to her intelligence and raise her greatly in the estimation of the people. If, with her wealth and position she accepts the money she will be classed as she should be, among those who feed upon the government and the people, with never any apparent abatement of appetite or desire, sinking below the level of a pensioner

whom necessity forces to accept the bounty of his country.

The good name of ex-President McKinley has been placed in jeopardy by this act of congress in tempting his widow to accept a money consideration for it. It is strange, indeed, that so many people are ready and willing to place upon and accept a money value for their patriotic services, as well as for the loss of a husband, wife or child.

THE EDUCATIONAL TEST.

During the debate in the house on the proposal to insert an educational test in the immigration restriction bill a good deal of opposition to the plan was developed. The arguments of the opposition were to the effect that a great many good people cannot read or write and that a great many bad people can do both, and consequently it would be an act of injustice and of folly on the part of the United States to demand that all intending immigrants shall be able to read their own language.

One of the leading opponents of the test was General Grosvenor, who argued that it would not include anarchists. He is quoted in the dispatches as having said that Luccheni, who assassinated the emperor of Austria, spoke three languages; that Breast, who killed King Humbert, was educated; that the assassin of President McKinley was an American and the product of American schools; that Guiteau and Booth were both men of education. "They could all have come in under the educational test," said General Grosvenor. "Most of them could" have taken chairs as professors in our universities. You would keep out the honest but ignorant man, but you would let in the educated criminals who come to plot against the institutions of our country."

That any one of the anarchist assassins or that most anarchists could take chairs in any of our universities is of course too absurd a statement to be worth refuting. General Grosvenor is a man of light and leading in the nation and has a reputation to lose which he will surely do if he make many more such assertions as that. It is to be noted only as an evidence that when an orator gets excited on the floor of the house he will say anything.

Sitting aside all the extravagances of statement, the argument remains weak and futile. It is well known that many educated men are rascals, but that fact does not prevent an educational test from being one of the best possible protections against undesirable immigration. Other tests of course should be united with it, but it fills a place in the exclusion program that no other restriction can do so well.

An educational test sets a standard by which we can exclude the horde of immigrants coming from regions where the people are so illiterate that they are unfit to become American citizens while it leaves the way free for people from the great enlightened races where schools are common and the mass of people have been taught to read and write. One of the serious evils of later immigration is that it comes more and more from Southern and Eastern Europe and is composed of people whom long ages of despotism and oppression have prevented from making progress like the peoples of Western Europe. It is highly desirable to check that inrush in some way. An educational test affords an easy means of providing the check. If any man desires admittance to the United States he can obtain it under the test by learning to read and write his own language. If he be too lazy or too stupid to do that, there is no wrong in excluding him.—San Francisco Call.

ROOSEVELT TOO STRENUOUS.

The Washington correspondent of the Chicago Journal tells of a breakfast recently given at Senator Hanna's house at which the president was a guest. This correspondent says:

Here is the explanation, Tuesday James J. Hill was in the city. He lunched and dined with Senator Han-

na and he went to the capitol and talked with all the senators and most of the representatives from the states of the northwest. What Hill said to the senators and members was not complimentary of Roosevelt.

Six months ago when Hill was here he lunched at the White House. This time he put up at the Arlington and lunched with Hanna. He told everybody he met that the man in the White House was a dangerous radical; that his anti-railroad campaign was a menace to the prosperity of the country; that he was stirring up populism in the northwest; that he was no better than a socialist, and many other things of the kind.

What the eminent merger railroad king told Hanna was much to the same effect. He also told Hanna something to be repeated to Roosevelt, and it was to talk over this message that the now famous breakfast was arranged at the unseemly hour of 8 a. m.

Without professing to repeat the exact words used at the breakfast, and without violating any confidences, it might be stated that Mr. Hill wished Roosevelt to understand that he could not go on as he had been doing, bringing suits under the Sherman anti-trust law against his railroads, stirring up the inter-state commerce commission to bring injunctions, prosecuting the meat and other trusts, and generally interfering with the peaceful operation of railroad business, without being brought to account for it.

A great many people have been puzzled because of Mr. Roosevelt's proceedings against the beef trust. It is true that those financiers who are not directly interested in the packing houses have no great concern for the beef trust and yet it is evidently feared, and naturally so, that if the proceedings against the beef trust are successful, a popular demand will be made for similar proceedings against other trusts. If Mr. Roosevelt would in all seriousness proceed against the trusts, it cannot be doubted that a very strong opposition would be built up against him in his own party, however much he might have the approval of the rank and file of the party.

However important the figure of J. J. Hill may be in business circles, it is humiliating that a trust magnate engaged in violation of law would dare to threaten the president of the United States if the president undertook seriously to enforce the law.

If Mr. Roosevelt seriously intends to wage a serious war against the trust system he will have need for all the "strenuosity" he can summon. He will be discouraged by party leaders and threatened by men of high influence in business and political circles. It is probable, also, that a serious fight against the trusts by Mr. Roosevelt would result in his defeat for the republican nomination, but there are things worse than political defeat and there are things better than political victory.

The people are feeling the exactions of the trusts and if Mr. Roosevelt shall make a determined effort to protect the people from the evils of the trust system, and to punish the wealthy and influential law breakers, even though he be defeated in the republican convention he will retire from office honored and respected for patriotic effort against a mighty evil.

In a speech at Minneapolis, when he was vice-president, Mr. Roosevelt said that it might be necessary in the future to "shackle cunning as in the past he had shackled force." The "future" to which Mr. Roosevelt referred is at hand. It is time the "shackling" process was commenced. The shackles will not, however, be

securely placed if the president shows the least timidity in the discharge of his duty.

"Cunning" may be effectively shackled if Mr. Roosevelt is as strenuous in the discharge of his public duty as he is in the delivery of his public speeches.—Bryan's Commoner.

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