

AMERICA'S DESTINY.

An associated Press dispatch from Alexandria, Egypt, under date of February 11, 1899, gives Cecil Rhodes opinion of "America's destiny."

Cecil Rhodes, who, in the eyes of most Englishmen, is the incarnation of the imperialistic policy, holds views concerning the future of the United States even more far-reaching than most American imperialists have broached. Mr. Rhodes, in conversation with a representative of the Associated Press on board the steamer Hapburg, on the Mediterranean, by which he came to Egypt in the interests of the Cape to Cairo railroad and telegraph, predicted most confidently that within a century the United States would have advanced the work begun in the acquisition of Cuba until it controlled all of the American hemisphere except Canada. The substance of the conversation is reproduced without absolute verbal accuracy.

Mr. Rhodes expressed admiration for the work already done in Cuba, and predicted that it would be carried on in the Philippines. The United States he considered one of the nations best equipped for colonization, and repeatedly exclaimed: "You are taking to it like mother's milk," apparently with the greatest delight.

He inquired with great interest what was the arguments of the opponents of imperialism in the United States, and commented that they seemed to be animated by selfishness.

"It is the duty of civilized nations to take charge of the barbarians and give them a white man's government," he said. "The United States is one of the great powers and cannot escape this duty."

He did not believe that the United States would ever withdraw its authority from Cuba, and thought the manner in which Spain had been evicted from her colonies and the United States had taken possession most businesslike. America's action in compensating Spain for the Philippines surprised him.

"I would have bundled the Spaniards out and made them pay a war indemnity," was his comment.

He declared that the United States could never withdraw from the Philippines, because it was their duty to give those people a strong and good government. Nor did he believe that when they had begun to realize the results of their work there Americans would desire to abandon the policy. They might grumble for a time over the expense, that would be a mere "flea bite" to a nation so rich.

Even if a large navy must be built, the United States could well afford one. So far as the fear of provoking foreign entanglements and wars went, while England and the United States stood together and maintained there present understanding, which was practically an alliance, no combination of powers dare menace them. To govern colonies the United States must organize a staff of colonial officials, but they could do that as easily as they could organize a new navy.

To the suggestion of the anti-imperialists that the Philippines would be only the beginning of colonization, he said:

"There are no more islands to be acquired. They are all taken up. The territory of savage races is practically all pre-empted by the civilized. The ultimate work of the United States will be to govern South America. You will probably

begin with Mexico, acquire the Central American states, then those on the continent of South America until you hold all the country to the south of you. These states have incompetent governments—practically barbarian governments—and it will be your duty to give them the white man's government. Mexico is well governed, but a nation cannot depend on one man, and when Diaz is dead it may be ruled no better than before his time. Southward is the logical direction of the expansion of the United States.

"The Philippines came to you by accident; these neighboring peoples it will be logically your duty to provide for."

When Blaine's efforts to arrange a friendly compact between the North and South American republics was mentioned Mr. Rhodes called them visionary.

"You will possess all those states by force or arms, and that within a century," he said, emphatically.

Ask if Canada would logically be included in this expansion, he said that Canada had a good government, and therefore, there was no need for change. Summarizing America's policy, he said:

"You people of the United States cannot always remain within your selves. You cannot always go on making money. You must get out into the world and take up your share of the world's burdens. Already you are outgrowing your own country. You will absorb other countries and give them good government. Why should you not? You have it in your blood. The Philippines will furnish new careers for your young men. The whole work will strengthen you and broaden your national character. Yes, already you are taking to it like mother's milk."

DIVIDE ITEMS.

Six inches of snow at Divide this morning.

Mr. J. E. Hastings of Seattle, Wash., is visiting his brother C. R. Hastings at Divide.

Mr. Isaac Taylor is attending circuit court at Eugene, as a juror.

Mr. C. L. Smith of Gowdville, who has been cutting wood for C. R. Hastings expects to start for Weston, Umatilla county the 16th where he will be employed as deputy assessor.

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GROWTH AND STRENGTH OF THE CHURCH IN 1898.

An important table showing the numerical strength of the different religious bodies of the United States and their gains during the last year, has been published.

It shows that the church membership of the United States is over 28,000,000, that at the end of 1897 there were included in forty-seven denominations 27,775,000, which has been increased by new memberships with 862,000 in the course of the year just ended. The four bodies of the Catholic faith are the strongest denominations, exceeding the Methodist who are 5,750,000 by 2,500,000. The Baptists have 4,495,000, the Presbyterians 1,500,000 and the Deciples of Christ a trifle over a million. The members then run down to the Orthodox Schwenfeldians, who have a membership of but 306 and who have had no additions to their strength this year. The Church of the New Jerusalem is the only one which is charged with a loss, its numbers having been reduced by 972 during the year. The Catholics have increased by 219,791, the Methodists by 162,000 and the others, except the one named, proportionately with their previous strength.

Leaving out the factor of uncertainty in the report, the striking feature of it is the growth of the whole church, indicating that a real religious feeling is working in this country and that the faith of the people is as vital and as constant as ever.—Philadelphia Times.

RING NOTES.

Billy Smith and Kid Lavigne met in a boxing bout under the auspices of Excelsior Club, San Francisco, on the 10th inst, at Woodward's pavilion, and Smith was victorious. In consideration of his services Smith received \$2,455.36, while the Kid got \$1,322.11. The gate receipts were \$6,295.80.

It is said that a meeting between "Lanky Bob" (Fitzsimmons) and Jeffries will be pulled off at the Coney Island Athletic Club in the near future.

Billy Otts and Paddy Maloney furnished the preliminary bout to the Lavigne-Smith fight at Woodward's pavilion on the evening of the 10th.

S'more Things.

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January 11, 1899

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