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FILIPINOS WANT AMERICA TO GIVE INDEPENDENCE

Maximo M. Kalaw Declares U. S. Cannot Consistently Refuse "Self-Determination."

By MAXIMO M. KALAW,
Secretary of the Philippine Mission, Author "The Case for the Filipinos," "Self-Government in the Philippines," etc.

"When they show sufficient capacity," "When they are able to govern themselves," "When they are educated enough." Thus run the answers of many Americans pressed with the question as to when the Filipinos should be granted their independence. Now, "ability," "capacity" and "sufficient education"—What do they mean in black and white?



Maximo M. Kalaw.

Senator Shugart may think no people is capable of self-government that does not establish the judicial recall, or that has no Billy Sunday. John Smith of Somerville may think no people is capable of self-government that does not vote his democratic ticket, or go to church on Sundays.

"Capacity for self-government" is as broad and elastic as the world, and if that should be the criterion for the granting of Philippine independence, America might as well say to the Filipinos, "I will give you independence when it pleases me to do so."

Fortunately, the American promise to the Philippines is not based on such obscure and abstract conditions. It is based on a definite, tangible thing. When America, through her Congress officially told the Filipino people that they would be granted their independence as soon as they could establish a stable government, no abstract or obscure condition was meant. Stable government, according to American usage, means a certain, definite thing.

The United States promised the Cubans the same thing that "when they have established a stable government, then American troops would be withdrawn." As soon as the Cuban people elected a government suited to themselves, capable of maintaining order and fulfilling all international obligations, there was a stable government in Cuba, and American troops were withdrawn.

When Congress passed the Jones law, it simply borrowed the phrase "stable government" from the Cuban history and applied it to the Philippines. The history of Philippine legislation shows that in black and white. With full knowledge of what it meant, the Filipino people accepted the Jones law and immediately began setting up the stable government required by Congress as a pre-requisite to independence. It is indeed more than that; it is an undisputed fact.

The official representative of the United States in the Philippine Islands, the Governor General, reported to the American Congress and the administration that "the Filipino people have established the stable government demanded by Congress as a pre-requisite for the granting of independence—namely, a government elected by the suffrage of the people, which is supported by the people, which is capable of maintaining order and of fulfilling its international obligations."

The Philippine question is therefore no longer a question of politics, argument or supposition. To the Philippine mind, at least, it is now a question of whether the United States is ready to discharge its own obligations fully and completely. America went before the world in the recent war as the avowed champion of "self-determination" and Filipinos cannot see how America can consistently refuse to act.

The Filipino people, however, have no grudge or grievance against the American people. Theirs is a message of friendship and gratitude. They seek independence as the natural and logical outcome of America's policy in the islands and of America's solemn promise to them. They come willing to give privileges and concessions not incompatible with their national welfare.

The Filipino people are willing to accept independence under any of the following conditions: Under a League of Nations, guaranteeing its territorial integrity; under the protectorateship of the United States for the first few years; under a treaty of neutrality between the United States, England, Japan, France and other powers, or even without any condition whatever—absolute and complete independence. They have no fear of Japan. Philippine independence, in our opinion, is not inimical to Japanese interests. The Japanese are now free to come to the Philippines, but at the present time there are less than 10,000 Japanese in the islands. There are six times as many Japanese in California as there are in the entire Philippine Archipelago.

The Filipinos are willing to take their chance as a nation. Smaller nations beset by graver problems and dangers have taken a more hazardous chance at freedom, and have succeeded.

Jas Drinkard has put a new sidewalk in front of his red house.

Christian Church Notes

Several of our members drove to Eugene last Sunday to attend the baccalaureate service at the Christian church for the graduating class of E B U. There were also many ordained to the ministry. Those who went report a splendid service, not the least enjoyable part of which was Bro Stivers' sermon. We are sure his messages during the meeting will be as interesting so would advise all who care to be sure and not miss any of them.

Members may we remind you that the meeting is your meeting and that victory for our Lord is assured if each one does his part. "The victory may depend on you." Next Lord's day the services will be at the same hours and Brother Stivers will preach in the forenoon but by request of the graduating class Bro Phillips will deliver the baccalaureate sermon entitled "Thinking to Succeed."

Plans are laid for Children's day to be held June 6 and our aim is a modest one in view of the attendance of last year when the hall was filled to capacity. We expect 100 present on time. The program will be announced later, but mention will be made of the plan to take a group picture and present each one present with one. A special collection for foreign missions will be taken at the service.

The meetings began on Tuesday evening as scheduled and a fine audience gathered to hear Evangelist Stivers' first sermon. It was entitled "The greatest book in all the world," and was very interesting and instructive. Be sure you hear him as often as possible. Friday he will speak on "God's Dynamo," and Sunday morning the topic will be "The unfolding of a life."

The C E topic is "Being a good comrade." Proverbs 27: 9, 10, 17-19. (A union meeting with the Juniors and Intermediates.)

Church Reporter.

Shedd Items.

The senior high school play, of the Lebanon schools, was rendered at Shedd Thursday night to a large and appreciative audience. The play at Lebanon is said to have netted the class about \$100.

Mr and Mrs Grant Thompson were Albany callers Monday.

C J Shedd was appointed on the county board of election returns in 1898 and has served every year since then.

Robert S Acheson, Linn county republican nominee for representative in the Oregon legislature transacted business in Albany Tuesday.

Halsey Items.

J H Tweedie has been helping J F Salash.

O W Frum has been having a hole dug on the west side of his warehouse to have his scales put in.

W G Carter has moved into his new quarters next to the Union Meat Co and is now doing business there.

W J Carey is putting in a woven wire fence around the property he lately bought in Halsey and is putting in 100 feet of 4 ft side walk on the north and west sides of it.

Mrs Evelyn Byers of Independence, came last Thursday for a visit with relatives in Halsey. On Monday evening she went to Tangent for a visit with T M Bennett and wife her parents.

I E Gardner and family and Mrs E C Miller motored to Albany last Thursday.

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