

Miscellaneous

THE PHILIPPINE QUESTION.

'Which Way Will the Scale Turn,' is Asked by Mr. Tabors.

From the Roseburg Plaindealer.

To THE EDITOR: The war practically ended, and some of the brave boys soon expected home, the great question now should be, is it national policy to retain the Philippines, and if so, in what way...

'Hol dem Philippines, Mistah Dewey, yo's all right, Hol dem Philippines! Mistah Dewey, yo's all right, Hol dem Philippines!'

In the whirl pool of excitement, and desire to extend our borders, have we not forgotten, that from Washington on down to May 1, 1898, our national policy has been "Let the Orient alone."

Other nations in commenting on the situation sees that a crisis is upon us, and the question is, "which way will the scale turn." I quote from the London Times:

"The moment has arrived when America, having reached the parting of the ways, must choose between war with a specific object and an indefinite war of conquest."

I will lay this by the side of an article in the London Truth:

"What I would respectfully impress upon the Americans is that they will make a terrible mistake if they seize the occasion of this war to acquire territories outside the area of their legitimate influence, such as the Philippine Islands."

The whole scheme of American policy would be shattered were the globe to be dotted over with American islands.

The question to the Americans should be whether they themselves will on a balance of advantages or disadvantages, profit by the annexation.

We used to glory that we were a non-military nation. We have drifted into a position of a nation with larger armaments than any other nation.

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And with the cold facts now before us that there are nearly 26,000,000 soldiers under arms and that the nations of Europe and Asia have their large navies, and with the four million men General Miles has told us are employed to increase them, and each contending for the supremacy of the seas or to hold their own shores, shall we not cling to our established policy, "Let the Orient alone?"

But that our policy is already changed and "earth-hunger" has seized upon us, the Oregonian of Aug. 19, 1898, in quoting from the Daily Mail says:

The new programme is startling in its luminosity. The American navy jumps to fourth place among the world's fleets. It will not long remain fourth, nor will it be long before the United States will have a policy in China."

That other nations see that our ship of state is now launched upon an uncertain sea of international complications, I quote from the same page of the Oregonian:

Paris, Aug 18.—The American position in the far East is attracting great attraction. Solely says:

"The Americans will quadruple the value of the Philippines, and Manila will become a rival of Hong Kong. The United States will have a preponderating situation in Chinese waters. There is no market they desire more eagerly than the Chinese, and though they have been forestalled by other powers they will assuredly overtake their rivals by the rapidity of their progress in that region, and in the coming breaking up of the Chinese empire the United States will not be content with the worst fortunes for their heritage."

"The United States will not hear a word of intervention, and France has no interests in compromising herself gratuitously with a country evidently destined for a more active part in great international affairs."

In conclusion permit me to say in compiling this article that while I have gathered cannon from other men's bowers and only the polishing cloth is ours, there may be many that will feel like calling me a "small Englander," or a "small Americaner," but my honest convictions have been set forth respectively of present public opinion, and to all those who honestly think we should "Hol dem Philippines," instead of holding our established national policy as set forth herein, I would modestly suggest that you file this article away and in the progress of time when international complications arise, which they are bound to do under the existing strain and greed of nations; then you re-read and see if we are not nearer together than we are today, and I fancy I hear you saying, while engaged in scenes of carnage and blood, "I wish we had let them Philippines alone."

B. C. TABORS.

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you? You could not bear to see a viper suffer forever. Is it possible that God will doom a kind and generous boy to everlasting pain? Nothing can be more monstrously absurd and cruel.

After all, no one knows. The ministers know nothing. All churches in the world know no more on this subject than the ants upon the ant hills. Creeds are good for nothing except to break the hearts of the loving. Let us have courage. Under the seven-hued arch of hope, let the dead sleep. I do not pretend to know, but I do know that others do not know. I wish I could say something that would put a star in your night of grief, a little flower in your lonely path; and, if an unbeliever has such a wish, surely an infinitely good being has never made a soul to be the food of pain through countless years.

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