

we cannot buy Asiatics, and then kill them because they object to being bought.

What other basis of title? Why, we whipped them and they are ours. That is what they say, but that is the foundation of monarchies.

Democrats deny the right of eighty millions of people to whip eight millions and then claim title to them. If eighty millions can whip eight millions and then own them, then a big man can whip a little one and own him.

Why don't they defend their policy? They dare not do it. Are they going to hold these people as subjects forever? They will not tell. Are they going to make them citizens after a while and bring a race question more difficult of solution than the one we have? They will not tell. You cannot find out what they are going to do. Our candidate believes in giving the Filipino independence, and in promising it now, not after he is dead. And what does the president say in answer to that proposition? Why, he says that we might have to take it back if we did make a promise.

We found the Filipinos fighting for their liberty and they were fighting for their liberty when most of the imperialists of today didn't know whether the Philippine islands were in the eastern hemisphere or in the western hemisphere, but these people were fighting for their liberties, and just as they were about to secure them from the Spanish king our government stepped up and took the king off to one side and said: "Don't give them to them; we will pay you twenty millions for them," and now we have got their liberties, and we don't know what to do with them. Afraid to give them back for fear they might not make good use of them.

The president says that we should have anarchy there, and Taft says we would have chaos there, and they agree that the condition would be terrible, and that those people might divide into factions, and that one faction might try to kill the other. What can we do in such a desperate case to prevent the killing of Filipinos by each other? Kill them first, and then they cannot kill each other.

That is a simple way. And we have killed more Filipinos on the pretense that we were trying to keep them from killing each other than would have died in their own land in their own struggles in a century.

### Dinner Pail-Coffee Pot

When I passed through Indiana four years ago I saw everywhere pictures of the full dinner pail, which was at that time the republican emblem of prosperity. These pictures could be seen on the sides of barns and fences, on billboards and on trees—that is, on large trees, for it took a large tree. I have been in the state now seven days, and I haven't seen the picture of the dinner pail in all that time. What is the matter? Couldn't the dinner pail last four years? If they can not show a big dinner pail, they might at least exhibit a small one, as a reminder of old times. If they haven't any full dinner pails, they might, at least, show an empty one as a souvenir. No, the full dinner pail has gone. And what is the emblem this year? Senator Beveridge has suggested one. It is the coffee-pot. He says that we use three times as much coffee in the United States as we did under a democratic administration, and that the coffee-pot is the test of the laboring man's prosperity. Farewell dinner-pail! Hall coffee-pot! Whenever a new medicine is put upon the market, the proprietor generally collects testimonials to prove its merits to others. I suppose that Senator Beveridge has already received a number of letters from persons who have tried both the dinner pail and the coffee-pot and who are satisfied of the superiority of the latter. I have not had a chance to look over the senator's mail, and therefore I can not speak positively as to the endorsement his new emblem may have received, but I have here a letter which might, with propriety be written to him by one of his admiring and loyal constituents. It is as follows:

Hardscable, Ind., Oct. 19, 1904.—Hon. Albert J. Beveridge, Indianapolis, Ind.—My Dear Senator: I write to say that I have been trying your coffee-pot substitute for a full dinner-pail for several months and that the results are as good as could be expected. Now that the proportion of water in my food is about the same as it is in the stock of the corporation for which I work, I feel that I am rising in importance. I used to weigh about 180 pounds and often suffered with a feeling

of fullness just after meals. That feeling has entirely disappeared, and I only weigh 79 pounds with my overcoat and heavy shoes on. Work is a little slack here just now, but it seems almost providential, for I am not strong enough to do heavy work. Coffee is so much cheaper than food that we could save a good deal, but for the fact that my income has decreased more rapidly than my living expenses. I am telling the boys to remember you at the polls, and they say "you bet we will." But I don't like the way they say it. Some of them seem discontented. Have you any literature showing that the Chinese are quiet and contented workmen and live on much less than we do? If so send some of it here. It may do some good. But many of the workmen here are very unreasonable, and a few are impudent enough to say that the republican party does not own the whole earth. But I must close for this time.

Yours for a full coffee-pot,

E. Z. MARK.

P. S. I forgot to say that there is another advantage in coffee. My clothes got too big for me and my wife—you remember you sent her some flower seed—took out the surplus and made a suit for little Albert Beveridge Mark. He lives on coffee, too. E. Z.

Now, mind you, the senator has not received this letter, yet, but I think he is likely to before the campaign is over. And you all agree with me that he could not complain if he was flooded with such testimonials. I am afraid that the coffee-pot will not prove an acceptable symbol, and the republicans may get so discouraged that they will give up the use of emblems entirely before they take the next step from the coffee-pot to the water pitcher.

(Extract from speech by Mr. Bryan at Vincennes, Indiana.)

### Ignorant Yet Struggle for Liberty

The Associated Press continues to send republican campaign documents in the guise of Manila cablegrams. Under date of Manila, October 12, the Associated Press says:

The proposed mass meeting in favor of Filipino independence has proved a fiasco, most of the theatre owners, some of whom are Tagalogs, the natives who are alleged by some to be strongly in favor of the movement, having refused to rent their buildings for the purposes of the meeting.

About 250 of the more ignorant Filipinos and some fifty of the better classes assembled at the National theatre today, but for a long time they were not permitted to enter. Finally some arrangement was made by which they were allowed to enter by the side doors.

Senor Sandico, the leader of the movement, appeared, but it was evident that he had been pitifully abandoned by his whilom followers. He spoke to the little gathering for two minutes and then dismissed it. The meeting, such as it was, was orderly, most of those attending being merely present through curiosity. Senor Sandico promised to readvertise the meeting.

The fiasco was so great that it has become a joke. The incident may possibly be beneficial as demonstrating the impossibility of disturbing American progress here. Sandico declares that he will speak in the streets praising Americanism and not mentioning independence. His flop makes the independence movement ridiculous.

It is interesting to see emphasized the statement that among the three hundred men assembled for the purpose of making an appeal in behalf of the American principle of government with the consent of the governed, 250 were "of the more ignorant Filipinos."

Such statements as these are familiar to readers of American history. The representatives of King George said something very much like this at the time the American colonists were demanding free government. Then we were told by the representatives of the British ministry that only "the more ignorant" of Americans were demanding justice at the hands of Great Britain. The Americans who did everything to discourage the movement for constitutional government and the efforts toward independence were pointed to as being representative of the intelligence and the real patriotism of the colonies.

Is it not strange that these "250 of the more ignorant Filipinos" aspire to hold high their heads in "liberty's unclouded blaze?"

Can it be possible in spite of their ignorance these 250 men had learned of our own Declaration

of Independence, had learned of our own proud struggle for freedom and had discovered that the system the American government is maintaining in the Philippines was the very system against which the American forefathers fought?

Every speech made in behalf of present-day imperialism in the Philippines, every newspaper dispatch sent to bolster that policy, is identical in tone with the speeches and the newspaper articles that were made in defense of British supremacy in the American colonies.

How does it happen that while we have been taught to point with pride to the brave struggles the founders of our own government made, we have nothing but sneers for the people of the Philippine Islands who aspire to become beneficiaries of the same system for which the American patriots contended and to which the American people are so greatly indebted?

### Great Nonsense?

The New York Sun quotes Judge Parker as saying: "A free people can not withhold freedom from another people and themselves be free." The Sun says: "This is a fine, metallic, epigrammatic sound. What is the sense of it? It is only a play of words. Only a juggling with an undefined meaning of 'free' and 'freedom.'"

Abraham Lincoln said something on this order and old-fashioned American people imagined that there was a great deal of "sense" in the statement. Mr. Lincoln said: "Our reliance is in love of liberty, which God has planted in us. Our defense is in the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all men in all lands, everywhere. Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves and under a just God can not long retain it."

The New York Sun says: "To tell the truth this sentence in Judge Parker's letter is great nonsense."

Is the very similar sentence in Abraham Lincoln's speech "great nonsense?"

### The Lower House

It is important that the people of Indiana make special efforts to elect democrats to congress. A victory in the election of a democratic president would be incomplete if there was no congress to support him, and when the president proposes measures to congress, the house of representatives, if democratic, can take up the recommendations, and putting them through the house, make the issue even with a republican senate, so that that body must either endorse or repudiate what the democrats attempt to do.

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