

getting the very dregs of our people." "He also said: "The situation in the Philippines today is so terrible that it passes the comprehension of the people at home. Agriculturally, the country is for the time ruined. Land is going out of cultivation, the population is ill-fed and in some places unable to get work. The country is overburdened with taxation, disease is prevalent, the farm animals dead, the towns in many places in ruins, whole districts in the hands of ladrones, the price of products poor and unremunerative. Public opinion has no free expression, newspapers are bought up or are browbeaten into silence, men of influence who criticize the commission are ostracised, the plays produced in the theaters are censored, there is not an organ of expression of the popular voice that is not controlled. In private life men are subject to complete, far-reaching, thorough system of espionage. Detectives appear in the guise of servants and the oath of a single one is enough to destroy a

man's reputation, property, liberty, or even life itself."

"I ask of the republican party whether if the administration of the United States should be continued in its hands, it proposes to undertake to apply any remedy. Will it enact for the Philippines proper statutes regulating their affairs with some view to their interest? Will it give their perishing shipping relief? Will it give them tariff regulations under which they can exist?"

"We hold the Philippine islands. Have we taken proper steps to fulfill the obligations therein assumed? Are the Philippine islands today a self-supporting community? Are not their efforts toward acquiring such position embarrassed at every turn by the legislation we have forced upon them? Had we left them to their own devices they might have dealt with foreign nations. Had we brought them within the United States of America they might have dealt with us. Today they can do neither."

"Where are the Philippine markets? Where the development of their natural resources? Why should not those islands, asserted by all and conceded by all to have great natural resources, be self-supporting? I warn the republican party that it is not an unheard-of proposition that an oppressed—I use the term advisedly—an oppressed people should be restive."

"The true questions which have concerned our relations with the Philippine islands from the moment of our taking them and which remain today utterly untouched for any good to the islands themselves, and the questions which will regulate their future—in other words, the real basis on which the Philippine islands interest us politically—are: The Philippine tariff, Philippine taxation and encouragement to their shipping interests. These matters regulated to the advantage of these islands, Philippine independence will appear on the immediate horizon. Continue as we are doing to oppress these people and one of the most vexed questions that this nation has ever been called upon to deal with will confront us interminably."

"But aside from the duty we owe the Philippines in preparation for the enjoyment of the blessed privileges we possess we should guard carefully against the danger to ourselves of an imperialistic policy. History teaches that from republicanism to imperialism the movement is gradual and unperceived of the people. Its ominous progress when discovered leaves open but two courses, submission or resort to violence."

"That our people may never be compelled to choose between these fearful alternatives should be our prayer. But we should work as well as pray."

"And our work should be to guard the foundation on which our government rests. Its basis is that of declared ideas—ideas that are stronger than battleships and armies—ideas which for more than a century have stimulated our development and which have given promise that our 'world mission' shall be not to seize the territory of distant peoples and rule them with a scepter or iron, but to establish truth, honor, justice and peace among the nations."

"We must choose whether within our borders the basis of government shall continue to be this idealism or a materialism which is the sure precursor of dissolution, for no nation can endure upon a basis of materialism, however splendid. Prudence requires that choice be made in time. The time is now."

**A Famous Class**

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erson, president of the Union Central Life Insurance company, and the first member of the class to be elected to congress; Senator Foraker, three times nominated for governor of Ohio and twice elected; Senator Fairbanks, now the candidate for vice president; George Atkinson, formerly governor of West Virginia; Bishop Hoss of the Methodist Episcopal church, South; R. M. Nevin, representative from the Jayton district in Ohio, and D. K. Watson, twice attorney general of Ohio, once representative from the Columbus district and now on the commission for the revision of the laws of the United States. Fourteen other members have been upon the bench in Ohio and other states.—Washington Post.

**War in Winter Time**

Many great battles have been fought in the snow, Eylau and Hohenlinden being familiar examples. Austerlitz was fought in intensely cold weather and the Russian losses were increased by Napoleon turning the fire of his artillery on the frozen lakes over which the Russians sought to retreat. In our civil war, Fort Donelson was captured in February, Fredericksburg was captured on December 31, 1862, January 2, 1863, and Thomas defeated and ruined Hood's army at Nashville on the 15th and 16th of December, 1864. Hence it will be seen that history does not warrant us in believing that the war in the east will pass into an unofficial truce when the snow begins to drift.—Exchange.

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