

THE MASK TORN OFF.

Governor Roosevelt Removes the Cover From the Haggard and Deceitful Face of Fusion.

A Fierce and Forceful Fire on the Fallacy of Bryanism by America's Soldier-Soldier.

Quotes General Lawton in Saying That the Blood of American Soldiers is On the Bands of American Sympathizers of Aguinaldo.

Speaking to the National League of Republican clubs in session at St. Paul, Governor Roosevelt gave utterance to some things which in a large degree show the true character of the man.

"I have met here today a few men from my old stamping grounds in the Dakotas and Montana, where I used to be a delegate to the cattle conventions.

"And one day I was riding over the ranch with a cow puncher and we came across a maverick. It was on the Thistle brand ranch. The cow puncher roped and tied the maverick and we got off to put a brand on it.

"And that applies in politics as well as in the cow business. You have got to have honesty first, and you have got to have courage with it.

"But no matter how honest and brave a man may be, if he is a natural born fool you can't do anything with him.

Saving Grace of Common Sense. Honesty, courage and common sense are needed in public life just as they are needed in private life.

"I do not address you as a Republican addressing Republicans, but as an American addressing his fellow Americans, urging them to stand for honesty and the honor of the flag.

"We ask support for President McKinley because of what he has actually done, of what he now stands for and typifies, and because of the marvelous

... that has been accomplished under his administration. We ask the support of all upright citizens because against him are arrayed

The Forces of Chaotic Evil because of the brooding menace to our moral and industrial welfare, which is implied in the present attitude and purpose of the Populistic Democracy.

"We know definitely what we believe and we say it outright. Our opponents, who represent all the forces of discontent, malice and envy, formed and formless, vague and concrete, can hardly be said to know what they really do believe, because the principles they profess, if put forth nakedly, are so revolting, even to their own followers, that they like at least to try to wrap the mantle of hypocrisy around them.

"Nor is this to be wondered at, when one of the makers of their platform, the representative from New York, and the leader of that organization in New York, are both themselves among the most prominent stockholders in the worst trust to be found today in the United States—the ice trust, which has justly exposed itself to the criticism which our opponents often unjustly apply to every form of industrial effort.

"We now come to the Philippines and to the general question of expansion. Many of the positions taken by the Populistic Democracy at the moment are so palpably dishonest and maintained in such palpable bad faith that to state them is sufficient. It is hardly necessary to discuss what they say about 'the constitution following the flag.' The Democratic party never championed the doctrine thus set forth save in the dark days, when it had become the

Handmaidens of Slavery and rebellion, and danced to any tune which the apostles of slavery chose to pipe. When, under Jefferson, the great West beyond the Mississippi was acquired, when, largely through the instrumentality of Jackson, Florida was added to the Union, the new provinces, with their Indian populations, were governed precisely and exactly on the theory under which the Philippines are now governed. President Jefferson secured the Louisiana purchase just as President McKinley secured the Philippines and Andrew Jackson warred against the Seminoles when we had acquired Florida from Spain, precisely as General MacArthur is now warring against the bandits among the Tagals in Luzon.

"So it is with their cant about militarism and intimidation and oppression at home' as following what they are pleased to call 'conquest abroad.' We cannot argue with them on this proposition, because no serious man thinks for one moment that they believe what they assert. During the great civil war there were many preachers of the gospel of disloyalty among the so-called copperheads of the north, and these men, like their representatives among our opponents today, prophesied the subdivision of the country when the great armies of Grant and Sherman should come back from the war; but the great armies of Grant and Sherman returned to civil life and were swallowed up among their fellow citizens without a ripple.

The Copperhead Prophets of disaster had frantically foretold. In '98 and '99 you yourselves saw regiments and brigades and divisions return from Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, to be disbanded and swallowed up in the mass of the people, if volunteers, and if regulars to assume their ordinary work in fort and cantonment, and after greeting them on the day they returned the bulk of the people would never have been able to tell, except by the newspapers, whether they had come back or not.

"Of all idle chatter the talk of the danger of militarism is the idlest. The army we have now is, relatively to the population of the country, less in size than it has been again and again during

the last century and a quarter, in times when we had only our own Indians to guard against. In Washington's administration Gen. Wayne spent some three years in Ohio warring against the Tagals of that day, with an army under him larger in proportion to the then population of the nation than all our present national forces, regulars and volunteers combined, and there is just as little danger from the evils of militarism now as there was then. It is as utterly folly to talk of our liberties as menaced by the existence of a force capable of keeping order in our outlying possessions as it would have been to talk of their being menaced in the seventies by the soldiers who followed Custer and his fellows against Comanche, Apache and Sioux.

"I would ask those who by their words have encouraged the warfare of the Filipinos against us to recall the letter of General Lawton, written just before his death, in which he pointed out that the blood of his soldiers reddened the hands of the men at home who encouraged

Our Foes Abroad.

"Some years ago when certain easterners were clamoring in the name of humanity against the army officers who warred to protect the western settlers from the Indians, General Sheridan wrote: 'I do not know how far these humanitarians should be excused on account of their ignorance, but surely it is the only excuse that can give a shadow of justification for aiding and abetting such horrid crimes.'

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