Dewey says:

McKINLEY'S ACCEPTANCE

A Thorough Review of that Queer Document from the Beginning to the end -Its Queer Logic Analyzed.

When nearly a hundred years ago, said, that the tongue has been given far as hiding of the origin and purposes of his imperialistic policy goes, his letter of acceptance, containing, as it does, nearly thirteen thousand words, is a masterpiece. It seems that in writing this document, he did not take into consideration that there are a good many Americans who know in our new territory. nomething about the facts in the case, and about the purposes of the administration as expressed by the most prominent leaders of the present re-

He says: "The stability of our nafigual currency is secure so long as those who adhere to this platform are kept in contro! of the government." The republican platform of 1900 asserted that the stability of the national currency, whatever that may mean, has been secured. They did not can party has made a law which secures the stability of the currency only so long as a gold standard secretary and president are in power. In their speeches Senator Wolcott and Senator Lodge gloried in the achievements of killing the free silver issue, but it seems that it is killed only so long as President McKinley is in power and can be recurrected any time by a president who is against it.

Mr. McKinley seems to think that he has scored a great point when he says that while all questions are important the restoration of the free coinage of silver is demanded immemost immediate question also. Mr. Bryan has acknowledged this by promgress for settling the paramount question most immediately.

The president says: "The money leader receives lower rewards for his five business. The rates of interest be different from what it was before. are lower than they have ever been in this country, while those things which them, have advanced in value."

The president glories in what he story. calls a favorable balance of trade and in the refunding of our national debt. It has been shown at different times, in a conclusive way, that a great ex-

offices for a cessation of hostilities. ly violated the constitution. But, as to the idea of neutrality, is it neutral to allow afficers of one of the belligerent nations to buy supplies and animals for their army in the field? There is no doubt, and it has never been denied that English officers have bought supplies and animals in our "neutral" country"-a fact that has been known to everybody and also to the administration. And, if the presideet has been neutral, why did he and the administration obstruct the sympathy with the Boers fighting for

The president calls for the "completion and control by this government" of the isthmian canal. How does this agree with the famous feat of our English secretary of state, the Hay-Pauncefote treaty: It seems that the president has

learned something in the matter of trusts. He does not give up the discrimination between so-called good and bad trusts but he admits that and bad trusts, but he admits that "publicity will be a helpful influence to check this evil." Why did not the republicans introduce publicity during the time they had absolute control of the great French diplomat Talleyrand all legislation? It has been quite often urged by the democratic party, but it to men to hide their thoughts. One of seems that the republican majority in the ablest adepts of this teaching is both houses did not consider it "a undoubtedly President McKinley. As helpful influence" as long as they could have enacted it and thereby checked the growth of trusts.

The president must think that Rathbone, Neely, etc., are forgotten, otherwise he could not say: "The merit system, as far as practiceable, is made the basis for appointments to office

Speaking of Cuba, the president says that the convention called for the first Monday of November is "to frame a constitution upon which an independent government for the island will rest." The call itself says that the constitutional convention will have to frame a constitution which will include the future relations between the | to be done for them as their condition Cuban and our government. And the administration papers and other mouth-pieces of the administration tell us that by this is meant an arrangesay at Philadelphia, that the republi- ment that will put the foreign and financial policy of the new Cuban republic under our control. The constitution adopted by that convention. the delegates to which will be elected under a very illiberal election law, will not be submitted to the people of Cuba, but only to our congress. This might be in the president's opinion "a long step in the fulfillment of our sacred guarantees to the people of Cuba." but it is not the fulfillment itself of the intentions we have professed at the outbreak of the Spanish war.

In his account of our dealings with Porto Rico, the president paints the happiness, contentment, progress and distely. But imperialism having been prosperity of that island in brightest declared as paramount is certainly the colors. But when he says that "congress complied with my recommendation by removing 85 per cent of the ising an extraordinary session of con- duties' he says something that everybody knows is not accurate. He does not say anything about his famous "plain duty" message, and how it came to pass that in less than two capital than if it were invested in ac- months the "plain duty" seemed to

The most important and most exare produced on the farm and in the devoted to the Philippine question. work shop, and the labor producing Although he does not place this ques- Cuba, and I am familiar with both The farmers know whether things ing to give the paramountcy to the has confirmed me in this opinion." which are produced on the farm have | money question, he deals with it most advanced in value, and they surely extensively, devoting two-thirds of his know whether things made in the letter to this one question. It is a work shops of trusts have advanced in | cleverly written statement of the Philthe same proportion. That labor has ippine question, as the administration not very much advanced in value is would like to have it seen by the Amshown by continuous strikes in all erican people. But the facts known to us, do not bear out the president's

The president reviews shortly the history of our war with Spain, quoting extracts from his instructions to the peace commissioners at Paris, and case of exports over imports does not concedes that on December 21, 1898, he contribute to the weslth of a country, sent the well-known direction to Genwhile the so-called refunding of the eral Otis to make known to the innational debt on lower interests has habitants of the Philippines that we extended the time limit of this debt have assumed sovereignty over the for over twenty years, and made it islands. He does not explain what right he had to do this, considering There can be no objection to the that the treaty which gave us that contention that "an attitude of neu-sovereignty had not been ratified until trality is in accordance with our tra- the 6th of February, 1899. According ditional policy." It is also true that to our constitution, on December 21, the government of the United States 1898, we had no right to the Philiphas been the only one that has com- pines and the president in assuming plied with the request of the South sovereignty over the islands before African republics to exercise its good the senate had given its consent clear-

On several occasions he quotes from his instructions to the first Philippine commission which abound in assurances of a just and beneficient government, of due respect for all the ideals and institutions of the Filipinos, of the largest measure of local self-goverament consistent with peace and good order, and so on. He never stops to argue whether he had the right to give the Filipinos any kind of a government under those traditions and passage of any resolution expressing principles which have guided our republic up to this time and which have been upheld by all our great men, and especially by the greatest republican, Abraham Lincoln. Our first republican president said:

"Those arguments that are made that the inferior race are to be treated with as much allowance as they are

capable of enjoying; that as much is

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will allow-what are these arguments? They are the arguments that kings have made for enslaving the people in all ages of the world. You will find that all the arguments for kingcraft were of this class; they always bestrode the necks of the people-not because they wanted to do it, but because the people were better off for being ridden.'

The argument that the Declaration of Independence, our constitution, the glorious traditions of all the founders of the republic, of such men as Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and-to quote lesser lights-McKinley, do not agree with the idea of giving a certain degree of self-government is not even mentioned in the president's lengthy

He quotes from the report of the Philippine commission in order to show that the Filipinos are not capable of self-government. He does not say, however, what other men who have been in the Philippines and assoclated with the natives have to say on this matter. Admiral Dewey, in his letter to the

Peace commission in Paris, says: "In a telegram sent to department on June 23 I expressed the opinion that 'these people are far superior in tended part of the president's letter is their intelligence and more capable of self-government than the natives of tion in the first part of his letter, try- races. Further intercourse with them

Gen. Charles A. King says: "There is no reason in the world why the people should not have the self-government which they so passionately desire, so far as their individual ability to carry it on goes." Lieut. John B. Ford of the Olympia

"The Filipinos are of an intelligent, industrious character. The women are virtuous, more so, perhaps, than those of almost any other nation. It is believed by many that they are a very ignorant race, but such is not the case. There is hardly a man or woman, even in the middle class, who cannot read and write. The children are given early education and are quick to learn. The half savage Negritos are no more representatives of the Filipino race than our Indians are representatives of this great country. There are only about 100,000 Negritos in a population of between 7,000,000 or Bresci, the Italian anarchist, assas-8,000,000 Filipinos, and it is unfair for | sinated King Humbert of Italy. Yesthese people to be classed with them.' Our consul, Edwin Wildman, says:

"Unquestionably there is good material in our new found friend, the member of the family of nations."

General Merritt says: "They want a protectorate, but they do not exactly understand what that means. Their idea is that they should | held in safety; there was no mob law; collect the revenues and keep them in the trial proceeded with due formality at the expense of maintaining an army | cord with the law. and navy there for their protection, which is the kind of a protectorate they would like very much.

The president takes a great deal of pride in his instructions to the second Philippine commission. He says: "Until congress shall take action l

demand that:

"That no person shall be deprived

of life, liberty or property without due process of law. "That in all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, to be confronted with the witnesses against him, to have compuls-

his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense. "That the right to be secure against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated.

"That neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall exist except as a punishment of crime "That no law shall be passed abridg-

ing the freedom of speech or of the press or the rights of the people to peaceably assemble and petition the government for a redress of griev-

If he has given such instructionsand we have no reason to doubt itthey surely have not been carried out. We have read repeatedly of persons Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., is the only having been killed by our soldiers constitutional cure on the market. It without due process of law, although is taken internally in doses from 10 they have not been found with arms in their hands. Filipinos have been put ly on the blood and mucous surfaces into jail by our military authorities of the system. They offer one hunwithout due process of law for politi- dred dollars for any case it fails to cal offenses. We know that the "agree- cure. Send for circulars and testiment" with our ally, his highness, the monials. Address Sultan of the Sulu islands, gives the protection of the American flag to slavery in those islands. Freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right of the people to peaceably assemble are only in the president's instructions; they certainly never were in-

troduced into the Philippine islands. The president, of course, devotes a good deal of his letter to the proof often been discussed in The Indepenthat the Filipinos have not been our dent. What the cause is of this great allies. He makes this task as easy for change in the patriotic and unselfish himself as he is able to do. In giving spirit which so long animated our most excellent maps and draughtings what he calls the facts, he begins with people is well worth considering. The made by Filipinos. In the big banks

very important events before the 26th day of May, 1898, that made the Filipinos practically allies of our troops. 24th day of April, 1898, telegraphed to morals. Dewey who was then at Hong Kong the following: "Aguinaldo, insurgent leader, here. Will come Hong Kong. Arrange with Commodore for general co-operation insurgents Manila if desired." Dewey's reply was: "Tell Aguinaldo come soon as possible." In a report to Secretary Long, Admiral

"I have given him (Aguinaldo) to understand that I consider insurgents as friends, being opposed to a common enemy He has gone to attend a meeting of insurgent leaders for the purpose of forming a civil government. Aguinaldo has acted independently of the squadron, but has kept me advised of his progress, which has been wonderful. I have allowed to pass by water recruits, arms and ammunition, and to take such Spanish arms and ammunition from the arsenal as he needed. Have advised frequently to conduct the war humanely, which he has done invariably."

General Green makes this statement to the peace commissioners:

"The United States government, through its naval commander, has to some extent made use of them for a distinct military purpose, viz., to harass and annoy the Spanish troops, to wear them out in the trenches, to blockade Manila on the land side, and to do as much damage as possible to the Spanish government prior to the arrival of our troops; and for this purpose the admiral allowed them to take arms and munitions which he had capin and out of Manila bay in their expeditions against other provinces."

General Whittier says: the permission of Admiral Dewey, in reply to a telegram sent by Spencer Pratt, esq., our consul general at Singapore, who offered that chief money for his expenses. The offer was declined. After arrival (on one of our ships) he went ashore, accompanied

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Got it in the Neck

According to a poll of that state tak- by law. en by the republican state committee Indiana is democratic by 18,000 majority. At the present rate of progress of democratic gains the republicans will begin to get nervous over the fall election down east. If the Indiana poll was from democratic sources it would have been encouraging, but might be charged to party scheme or prejudice, but coming from republican sources it is impressive evidence of the progress of the campaign of education which has been going on since McKinley was elected, and which has been forcefully illustrated from time to time by passing event and political adventure.-Buffalo Times.

Law and Order

Exactly one month ago yesterday terday the regicide, at the close of a

formal trial, was pronounced guilty and sentenced to imprisonment for life. It may be well for Anglo-Saxon ob-Filipino-for it is inconceivable that servers when they comment hereafter he will decide to be our enemy; and on the excitable Latin temperament to the time is ripe for his development reflect upon these things: Bresci was into a worthy and self-respecting a cowardly murderer; he killed a very popular monarch, and under Italian law there was no chance that he could be subjected to the penalty of capital punishment. Yet the prisoner was their treasury, and that we should be and the prisoner was sentenced in ac-

The dignity and judicial character of the proceedings speak well for Italy.

A Traveler's Note

Editor Independent: In conversation with a German travelling man from Junction City, Kas., a few days "Upon every division and branch of since I learned that he, his two broththe government of the Philippines ers and two brothers-in-law all voted must be imposed these inviolable for McKinley in 1896, but in November, 1900, he assured me that they had all agreed to support Mr. Bryan. I asked him why this change? He answered me: "On account of the cowardly and unsympathetic course of McKinley's administration toward the Boers in their struggles for liberty." He further said there were hundreds of German Americans in Kansas who voted for McKinley four years ago who will, for the same reason, vote for Bryan ory process for obtaining witnesses in this fall. I can assure you from the strong sentiment manifest Kansas can no longer be counted among the doubt-J. M. M'CLELLAND.

> There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and, therefore, requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. drops to a teaspoonful. It acts direct-

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Something is Wrong

In an article in the New York Journal, George Fred Williams takes up the same state of facts that have so

in the Philippines that would incur rich churches. Mr. Williams says: liability to maintain their cause in "I am of the opinion, which may be ics. In music, art, sculpture, medicine, mounted of the size shown in the cut the future," to which Admiral Dewey right or wrong, that in the last ten law and literature; in technical voca- above. It is the best quality of button replies on the 6th of June, 1898, that years or more there has come into our tions such as architecture, wood carv- that can be obtained—the kind that he "entered into no alliance with the civilization in this republic a false ing, weaving, masonry, electricity and insurgents or with any faction." This spirit. Something has corrupted the mechanical engineering; in sports, might be correct, but there have been morals of this people. The tone of such as horse racing, cock fighting, We all know that Consul Pratt on the cause for the corruption of our public showing what may be made of the raw

the story of the killing of the wound- horses, and, like all eastern peoples, ed dervishes by the English troops in like ostentatious display. They dress the Soudan, slaughtered mercilessly their women beautifully, where they one and all by armed men as they lay have the means, and the love feasts are retailed everywhere at 25 cents weltering in their own blood. I have and parades and balls and music. I each. If you want one invite your read within a few months of English am convinced that nautrally, the Fili- neighbor to subscribe. We can fursticking.

helpless women were shot down and actly what they are fighting for. bayoneted and little children were and children.

"Is there not something wrong in a Record. public sentiment that can look on unstirred at such scenes of horror?"

Nothing but Pirates

The Buffalo Times in speaking of the enormous dividends recently declared by the Standard oil trust says: "The complacency with which such money is practically stolen is an indication of a radical moral evil, which may also be seen in a small way as when the street car passenger omits tured at Cavite and their ships to pass to pay his fare because for sooth the conductor forgot to ask for it. He or she is "that much in." The same systematic lying with oneself is what pro-"Aguinaldo went to Cavite, under duces the sordid, puffed-up and "the public be damned" capitalist, who is no more or less than a pirate with none of the rollicking good fellowship (though with other people's goods) of the old buccaneer. The intent of combine is to control-to contract and distort-the natural laws of trade to the end that the many may enrich the few; thereby the rich become richer and the poor poorer. Business principle and law that produce such re-The republicans of Indiana went sults can be called little else than wooling and have come back shorn. rules for the regulation of robbery

ARE FILIPINOS SAVAGES

Teddy Roosevelt Who Never Saw Them Says They are, but McCutcheon Who has Lived with Them for two Years Says They are Not

From my personal experiences with

the Filipinos-experiences covering the greater part of two years and the Sulus-I have reached several deduc- raries are very much bewildered by erably well founded. Perhaps, if I had say, to account for the refusal of the Filipinos I have had cause to disap- today the republican party openly denila, together with various house boys and has had the insolence to speak

of Manila. These I dislike. Filipinos in Manila and nearly all the the change. provinces I have met a uniform degree of courtesy, which, whether assumed or natural, has prepossessed me in their favor. There has never been a house, however small, or a family, however poor, which has not hospitably placed itself at my service when conditions rendered such service opportune and grateful. I have heard of scores of cases of treachey, but as a general thing I have found this treachery to have been directed at officials or people whom the Filipinos distrusted or had reason to dislike. This treachery has had its inception in conditions for which we cannot wholly blame the people and the methods of exercising it may be partly excused when we reflect that the Filipinos have not reached an advance state of enlightenment-that is, that the way to avenge a wrong is to carry the mat- The watch is a nickel plated, stemter through several years of litigation instead of going out with a bolo and

ending it all in one night. Another conclusion I have reached is that a higher state of education exists in the Philippines, excepting, of course, the Igorrotes, Negritos and Moros, than one can find in any oriental country. From Albay province to Aparri you will find the greater part of the people uniformly able to read and write; you will find substantial stone buildings and imposing churches and schools in the most remote section. A trip up the Ilocos coast is a revelation to the traveller, for he will find the valleys highly cultivated, the cities large and imposing and the people normally peaceful and fairly

The same conditions will be found year. existing in all sections of Luzon. You will find pianos where you have been led to expect breechcloths and sav-the problems of the islands. Only in the remote mountain districts will you find the half-naked savage who is used in the American comic weeklies to represent the typical Filipino. For this state of comparative enlightenment the church is responsible, for whatever we may say of the methods of the friars we must acknowledge that they have done a great work in educating the size shown in the cut above. It is the people-leaving the price out of the

Another conclusion I have reached is that with proper training the Fili- want one invite a couple of your neighpino may be developed into a good man in any branch of business. He tion of The Independent-it's a voteis receptive and imitative. I have seen maker. an instruction sent on the 26th of Independent believes that it can large and business houses high positions For a club of three campaign sub-law, 1898, to Admiral Dewey "to make ly be laid to the worldliness and want are held by them, and on the railway scriptions at 15 cents each we send as

public sentiment is not as high or as boat racing, fencing, bicycling and varkeen as it was in the earlier days. And lous native sports and in all sorts of I believe there is a good and sufficient clerical work there are many examples material if properly taught.

"I have read within a few months The Filipinos are great lovers of fast "I have read within a week of the ily obtained thousands of recruits who campaign work that you can do. terrible scenes enacted in China by break their home ties and go out and the Russian troops in Tien Tsin, when fight desperately without knowing ex-

And, finally, a few general conclutossed upon the bayonets by one sol- sions may be summed up thus: That dier to another amid laughter and the Filipinos are inclined to be lazy; glee. Worse than that, I have read that they are pretty generally religwithin a week the account of a wed- ious; that the women are virtuous, and ding in the Philippine islands which that if the people can ever be conwas interrupted by American soldiers, vinced that the United States is sinwho shot down innocent victims in cere in its desire to benefit them they cold blood, unoffending men, women will make a very good class of citizens.-John T. McCutcheon in Chicago

Liberty Follows the Flag

Nay, haul up the flag-raise it high-Not yet is its spirit bent! Let it sing in the wind and the sky The truth that it always meant! Let it sing of the birthright of man, Of progress that never can lag. Let it sing that trade may go where it

But liberty follows the flag! Yea, haul up Old Glory-but, comrades take heed.

That no man shall part the old flag from the creed!

President Diaz Gen. Porfirio Diaz, upon learning of his re-election as president of Mexico by acclamation, said: "I must repeat what I said some months ago, that neither my age nor my capabilities qualify me to continue ruling the country. I am seventy years old, of which ious opinion, and I can only add that will not withhold from my fatherland my closing years, if she requires them of me, any more than I have begrudged to her the unstinted services of my whole life."

Why the Change

The Brooklyn Citizen thus answers the republican journals who are hugging themselves with 1896 majorities: "It is admitted on all hands that the political outlook today is almost the reverse of what it was four years ago, and some of our republican contempotions which at present I think are tol- the change. They are at a loss, they time I would change or remodel them. American people to act in the year 1900 The first is that I like the Filipinos. as they did in the year 1896. This From the very first I have met with shows that our contemporaries have hospitality and kindness from them in | not kept in line with the course of every part of the islands. On nearly events. Had they not kept their eyes all of these occasions the people have fastened on the past they would have had no other reason to be courteous learned that there was no party in the and friendly except the impulse of in- United States four years ago pledged herent hospitality. About the only to the overthrow of the republic, while No. 6. Elegant Photogravure prove of were the cab drivers in Ma- rides the Declaration of Independence who at one time or another transferred of men faithful to the principles and my watch, money or other valuables traditions of the republic as traitors. from my home in Manila to some un- Practically the republican party of No. 7. Three valuable camknown place either in Manila or out four years ago has ceased to exist. The organization doing business in its But in most of my experiences with name is essentially an imposter, hence

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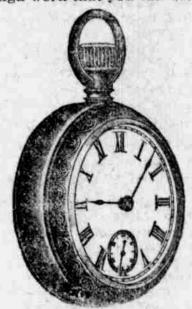
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