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Anna (Ill.) Democrat: The Boers do not know when they get enough. The British know, but they can't let go.

Hamilton (Tex.) Rustler: There is no middle of the road. It is a fight between republicans who believe in imperialism and democrats who believe in a republic.

Vincennes (Ind.) Sun: The republican party is a party of trusts. It fostered the rise and growth of trusts and has been kept in power by the powerful financial aid of trusts and corporations.

Woodsfield (O.) Spirit of Democracy: General Wheaton says that we will need fifty thousand soldiers in the Philippines for at least five years. "Benevolent assimilation" comes high, but "The Man with the Hoe" pays for it all.

West Union (O.) Defender: The older we grow the more apparent it becomes that the trusts and the republican leaders are working hand in hand. The people can hope for no relief from this great evil as long as that party is in power.

Wymore (Neb.) Arbor State: In order to restore the equal rights of the people and deliver them from the criminal despoliation of monopolistic combinations it is imperative that the special privileges which created and foster them be uprooted and forever destroyed.

Watertown (Wis.) Gazette: It may be that if Thomas Jefferson were alive he would find some things not wholly according to his notions in democracy, but if such were the case he would not go for advice as to how to rectify them to the republican press, which so glibly and absurdly undertakes to pose as Jefferson's interpreter.

Greencastle (Ind.) Star Press: The tariff question is not settled; it will be a real live, sure-enough issue until it is settled right, and right settlement means that the rights and interests of the people are to be subserved; that legislation calculated to impoverish the masses for the benefit of the classes must be done away with.

Bachtown (Ill.) Times: Schwab of the steel trust has been traveling around over Europe in a special train, bumping up against royalty and trying to "bust" the various gambling hells. The thousands who labor in the fiery hells of the rolling mills cannot get the chance to try any other kind of hell for a change, but they pay for it just the same.

Algona (Ia.) Courier: It is a painful reflection to Americans whose hearts are stirred by the stories of Bunker Hill, Brandywine, Valley Forge, Monmouth and Yorktown to witness the descendants of the men who fought on those fields fighting now to crush a people who are making the same pleas for independence and who in their way are as much entitled to it as they were.

Hastings (Mich.) Journal: Gen. Wheaton says that if any man said in the Philippines what President Schurman has said in this country he would be sent to prison. That shows the kind of American government we are carrying on in the islands. No wonder it needs 50,000 bayonets to prop it up!

Durango (Colo.) Democrat: The man who would shave a bridge timber to half its original size to strengthen it, would encounter no trouble in establishing a record for being a fool. Yet the republicans claim to be strengthening our currency and money system by putting away silver as other than subsidiary coin.

Rochester (Ind.) Sentinel: Here is a hot one: A western exchange remarks that four years ago a pound of beef would buy two rods of barbed wire, and a bushel of wheat would buy forty rods. Now a pound of beef will buy ten feet of barbed wire and a bushel of wheat will buy twelve rods. There is plenty of prosperity for the million dollar steel trust, but where does the prosperity for the farmer come in?

Chamberlain (S. D.) Journal: Just please remember there is a press censor in charge of all the news that is permitted to reach the world outside of the South African Transvaal boundary and only the least little bit of English brutality toward the struggling Dutch gets to civilized ears. There is another place or two in the world where the "army and navy" keep the news from the people and Manila and Havana are two of them.

Below will be found a cut for which we are indebted to The Gatling Gun. The editor of that aggressive Democratic paper has brought into contrast the Record-Herald's pictures of Aguinaldo and a Macabebe soldier, together with the President's description of the two classes of Filipinos.



AGUINALDO.  
Our Enemy.

"Whatever can be said of the Filipino insurgents can be said of the Apache Indians. Everything that can be said of Aguinaldo could have been said of Sitting Bull."—From President Roosevelt's Campaign Speech.

Republican orators and newspapers have indorsed Teddy's position.

Papillion (Neb.) Times: While we are imposing a high protective tariff on goods from the Philippines, islands that we own, we are asked to grant free trade to Cuba, an island that doesn't belong to us. Isn't this a somewhat singular state of affairs, and is there anything right or honorable about it?

Ackley (Ia.) World: By whom has it (the tariff) been "revised" heretofore, if not by "its friends?"—the beneficiaries of the tariff. Republicans in congress will be very guarded lest they lose contributions to the slush fund. Revision will come only when the public forces it.

MACABEBE SOLDIER.  
Our Ally.

"The heartiest praise is due large numbers of natives for their steadfast loyalty. The Macabebes have been conspicuous for their courage and devotion to the flag. I recommend that the secretary of war take some systematic way of aiding those crippled in our service, and caring for the families of those who are killed."—Roosevelt's Message.

Elyria (O.) Democrat: Self-government is a principle that is immortal, and should be held too sacred to do obeisance to royalty. There is nothing in imperialism to claim our sympathy, and yet we are to do honor to the British crown, by sending a delegation of prominent Americans to the coronation of King Edward. Toadyism!

Cumberland (Md.) Alleganian: Gen. Wheaton says that 50,000 soldiers will be needed in the Philippines five years yet before it will "be possible to form a government based on that of the colonies of Holland and Great Britain." And yet we are urging the Boers to fight for freedom!

Burnside (Ky.) Item: Manufacturers do not deny that they sell goods cheaper abroad, but they are disposed to ask you what you are going to do about it.

Lincoln (Ill.) Times: England has her South Africa, America her Philippines. This fellow-feeling makes us "wondrous kind." The positions are very similar, and upon this common ground the king of England and the Goddess of Liberty are flirting, over dust that is as sacred as freedom itself.

Dyersville (Ia.) Commercial: Times are fast shaping themselves for a grand democratic victory in 1904. By that time all the spoilsmen will be associated with the G. O. P., and the patriotic legions will be concentrated in the ranks of democracy to save the country as contemplated by our forefathers. The change will be brought on by proper education and inevitable vicissitudes.

Denver (Colo.) Democrat: The democracy is American. It is essentially so, virile, honest, unwavering and unhypocritical. In this, the budding months of the twentieth century, it stands forth as ever, uncompromising in its attitude to the enemies of the republic, steadfast, honorable and sincere for liberty the world over, and, above all, the champion of the opposed and persecuted in every clime and land where Providence directs a free people shall live.

Chilton (Wis.) Times: Perry Belmont, one of those greater than his party kind of democrats, was defeated for congress in a democratic district in New York at a special election held recently. Mr. Belmont is a man of means and manipulated the convention in such a manner that he secured the nomination. When it came to an indorsement by the people he found that he was weighed in the balance and found wanting. The lesson of the campaign may have no effect on Mr. Belmont, but it should be a warning to others of his kind.

Mason (Mich.) Democrat: Republicans, as a rule, have short memories. A few years ago this country had a democratic president who advocated the return of captured confederate flags, his idea being to do away with sectional hatred and restore harmony between the north and south. Republicans and republican papers made Rome howl at the suggestion. Last week in congress Representative Gardner of Albion made a speech advocating the admission of confederate veterans to the National soldiers' home and not a howl do we hear.

Huntington (Ind.) News-Democrat: Patriotism does not consist of hysterical clamor for a big army and a big navy. The man who loves his country properly wants the business of the country conducted in the interest of all. For a country whose motto is "Peace" the United States is being held up in fine style. We are paying two million dollars a week to run our army. Leaving pensions out of the account, it costs us \$1,289 to maintain one soldier a year, which is over five times what it costs to maintain a soldier in the expensively equipped army of Europe. We pay high for our army and if all the money went for the comfort of the soldier nobody would complain. It goes where money generally goes in this high-salaried country; nor does it always go where it will do the most good. We raised an appropriation of \$118,000,000 last year to meet the needs of an army of 100,000 men, and even that was several millions below the estimate of the war department. What will it be next time.