

the court presided over by the author of this paper. Why was not the situation turned over to the military authorities? It was, later. But is an ambitious chief of constabulary of a civil government going to admit, on the eve of a presidential election in the United States, that the public disorder in the Philippines is too great for him and his corps—the right arm of the civil government—to handle?

When the constabulary cannot protect the peaceably inclined coast people, these latter are compelled, even if they are not already in active sympathy with their hardier brethren of the highlands, to get up a modus vivendi, whereby they become, ipso facto, accessories to the crime of "Brigandage,"—technically, at least. The writer did not meet this ugly proposition in concrete form, in the case of any specific defendant. But it would have come, sooner or later, had he remained in Samar. He left that ill-fated island, November 8, 1904, determined, if he could get well, to ask to be stationed in Manila. For, as Edmund Burke said in his speech on "Conciliation with America," "I do not know the method of drawing an indictment against a whole people."

Looked at from the Oriental end of the line, the governing of the Philippines by their supposed friends from the antipodes has not been unlike a game of battledore and shuttlecock between rival political creeds at home, in which the unfortunate inhabitants have been the shuttlecock.

Space does not remain sufficient to do more than briefly suggest how true this is, also, of the Washington end of the line.

For the benefit of American cotton manufacturers, cheap English textiles, previously worn by and satisfactory to millions of poor natives, have been shut out of the Philippines by a practically prohibitive import duty, a surtax of 100 per cent, imposed by the United States congress (act of February 25, 1906.)

For the benefit of American shipping interests, the Philippines have been treated by our maritime legislation as part of the United States, by extension of the coastwise shipping laws to the archipelago.

For the benefit of American sugar and tobacco interests, the Philippines have been treated by our tariff legislation as foreign territory. Those interests defeated the effort to give to the islands the benefit of a reduction of the duty on Philippine products to twenty-five per cent of the Dingley tariff, their representative insisting before the committee on ways and means, almost in the language of Mrs. Jellyby's critics, "I believe our own children have more claim upon us." The leading Filipinos perceive, as clearly as we Americans do, that in the nature of things this sort of argument will always be an obstacle in the path of their progress, so long as human nature retains a modicum of selfishness.

The instinct of self-preservation of our own sugar and tobacco producers would surely be satisfied with and lend their support to a free-trade—or at least a lower tariff—measure between this country and the Philippines, if the same were coupled with a promise of independence within a decade. This seems to be the only solution that is at once righteous and practicable. It is the only lever that will lift the Philippine ship of state upon the ways, and launch her successfully upon the voyage of national life.

JAMES H. BLOUNT.

The United States of America
Philippine Islands
Eighth Judicial District

In the Court of First Instance of Albay.

The United States
against

- Cornelio RigorosaDec. 3, 1903
Fabian BasquesSept. 25, 1903
Julian NacionOct. 14, 1903
Francisco RigorosaOct. 18, 1903
Anacleto SolanoNov. 25, 1903
Valentin CesillanoNov. 6, 1903
Felix SasutonaSept. 26, 1903
Marcelo de los SantosJune 3, 1903
Marcelo PatingoNov. 15, 1903
Juan RaynanteSept. 7, 1903
Dionisio CarinagaOct. 4, 1903
Felipe NavorSept. 17, 1903
Luis NicolNov. 23, 1903
Balbino NicolSept. 23, 1903
Damiano NicolNov. 23, 1903
Leoncio SabalburuNov. 20, 1903
Catalina SideriaJuly 25, 1903
Marcelo AriolaOct. 26, 1903
Francisco CaoNov. 26, 1903
Martin OlaguerNov. 13, 1903
Juan NericNov. 16, 1903
Eufemio BereNov. 21, 1903

- Julian SoteroOct. 30, 1903
Juan PayadanSept. 20, 1903
Benedicto MillaJuly 30, 1903
Placido PorlageJune 13, 1903
Gaudencio OgnitaOct. 11, 1903
Alberto CabreraSept. 8, 1903
Julian PayadanAug. 4, 1903
Eusebio PayadanAug. 10, 1903
Leonardo RebusiNov. 2, 1903
Julian RiobaldisOct. 2, 1903
Victor RiobaldisOct. 23, 1903
Mauricio BalbinSept. 27, 1903
Tomas RegidorJuly 23, 1903
Miguel de los SantosJuly 28, 1903
Eustaquio MapulaNov. 18, 1903
Eugenio LomibaoNov. 1, 1903
Francisco LunaAug. 7, 1903
Gregorio SierteOct. 31, 1903
Teodoro PatingoNov. 21, 1903
Teodorico TuaSept. 23, 1903
Ceferino OctiaNov. 10, 1903
Graciona PamplonaSept. 12, 1903
Felipe BonifacioNov. 26, 1903
Baltazar BundiOct. 12, 1903
Julian LocotOct. 13, 1903
Francisco de la PuntaAug. 20, 1903
Pedro MadridAug. 24, 1903
Felipe PusquitJuly 17, 1903
Rufu MansalanJuly 14, 1903
Ignacio TitanoJune 20, 1903
Alfonso LocotJune 29, 1903
Gil LocotMay 23, 1903
Regino BitarraSept. 7, 1903
Bonifacio BoAug. 2, 1903
Francisco de BelenSept. 29, 1903

DECREE

The defendants above named, charged with divers crimes, having died in the Provincial Jail by reason of various ailments, upon various dates, according to official report of the jailer, it is ORDERED by this court that the cases pending against the said deceased persons be and the same are hereby quashed, the costs to be charged against the government.

Albay, December 28, 1903

Judge of the 12th District
Acting in the 8th.

The foregoing order contains fifty-seven names. As indicated in the text, the second order was like the first. It contained the names of sixty-three other deceased prisoners, as follows, to wit:

- Died
Anacleto AvilaSept. 2, 1903
Gregorio SaquedoJuly 21, 1903
Francisco AlmonteOct. 11, 1903
Faustino SallaoOct. 9, 1903
Leocadio PenaOct. 16, 1903
Juan RanucoOct. 16, 1903
Eteban de LimaFeb. 4, 1903
Estanislao JacobaOct. 7, 1903
Macario OrdialesOct. 19, 1903
Laureano OrdealesOct. 27, 1903
Reimundo NaritoOct. 4, 1903
Antonio PolvoridoSept. 12, 1903
Norverto MelgarJune 14, 1903
Bartolome RicoNov. 8, 1903
Simon OrdialesSept. 13, 1903
Candido RosariSept. 29, 1903
Saturnino VuelvoOct. 18, 1903
Vicente BelsaidaMay 26, 1903
Felix CanariaJune 12, 1903
Pedro CuyaJuly 26, 1903
Evaristo DiasJuly 24, 1903
Felix PadreJuly 8, 1903
Alberto MantesAug. 7, 1903
Joaquin MaamotSept. 5, 1903
Santiago CacerroMay 28, 1903
Hilario ZalazarJuly 26, 1903
Tomas OdsinadaOct. 1, 1903
Julian OcoOct. 4, 1903
Julian LontacAug. 27, 1903
Ambrosio RabosaSept. 19, 1903
Mariano GarciaSept. 12, 1903
Ramon MadrigalejoAug. 19, 1903
Albino OyardoOct. 1, 1903
Felipe RotariaSept. 29, 1903
Urbano SaraldeOct. 5, 1903
Gil MediavilloJune 13, 1903
Egidio MediavilloJune 16, 1903
Mauricio LosanoOct. 5, 1903
Bernabe CarenanSept. 27, 1903
Pedro SagaysaySept. 29, 1903
Laureano IboAug. 5, 1903
Vicente SanosingJuly 17, 1903
Francisco MoranteJune 10, 1903
Anatollo SadulloSept. 16, 1903
Lucio RebezaAug. 27, 1903
Eugenio SanbuenaAug. 13, 1903
Nicolas OberosAug. 26, 1903
Eusebio RambilloSept. 13, 1903
Tomas RemplilloAug. 19, 1903
Daniel PatasinAug. 19, 1903
Ignacio BundiSept. 7, 1903

- Juan LocotMay 23, 1903
Zacarias David PadillaAug. 7, 1903
Juan AlmazarSept. 12, 1903
Rufino QuiplJune 13, 1903
Antonio BrioJune 13, 1903
Timoteo EncisoSept. 12, 1903
Hilario PalaadAug. 28, 1903
Ventura PradesMay 24, 1903
Alejandro AlevantoMay 22, 1903
Rufino PeliciaMay 20, 1903
Alejo BruquezaJuly 19, 1903
Prudencio EstradaSept. 15, 1903

YOUNG LOVE

Not where the shadows tangle,
Nor where the sorrows run,
But where the sunbeams spangle,
And where the gold is spun;
Not where the gloom is shaking,
Nor where the grief is spread,
But where life's joy is making
Rose gardens—let us tread!

Time was not made for weeping,
Life was not giv'n for care,
With toil and trouble keeping
Their vigil everywhere.
Let's you and I together
Go up the hills of gleam,
To meet the sunny weather
And dream the young love dream!

Put by the somber moment,
And doff, sweetheart, the tear;
Life's fever and its foment,
Its turmoil and its fear,
Will wait to cool our passion
When silver threads the hair;
Now, in love's old, old fashion,
Let us forget life's care!

Let not thy footsteps falter
Down dewy ways to me,
But where I light love's altar,
O, fly, sweetheart, to me!
Arms wait for wild enfolding.
Eyes burn through deeps of bliss,
And, none but God beholding,
Love locks us in his kiss.

Though near us storms be rolling,
And thunder shake the sky,
Deaf to the deep's extolling,
We wander, you and I,
For so from life love leads us
To tread the dewy way,
And none but God, dear, heeds us
Through all the lovelong day!
—Baltimore Sun.

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