

# Islands Want to Be Free

A dispatch, copyrighted by the Chicago Tribune, from Manila, dated May 11, says: The Wood-Forbes mission, sitting in judgment on the government of the Philippines, finds in general this situation in the islands:

There is no real public opinion as conceived in the United States.

There is a deep-seated sentiment or emotion, which, if a plebiscite were held, would probably result in the people choosing an independent government, no matter what pitfalls might be in their way.

The statues of the Filipino patriot, Jose Rizal, found in the town square of every town, show the flame of nationalist feeling which has been whipped up here by young politicians who have risen under American tutelage.

## TWO LOGICAL PLANS ADVANCED

Americans and better informed Filipinos see alternatives for handling the situation as presented to the mission. The first is for the gradual relinquishment of control of the government by the Americans, the operation being extended over a period of from ten to twenty years. The other is for America to retain complete control of the islands but grant the natives a territorial form of government.

The conservative Filipinos are against independence, citing their fear of Japan, their lack of an army and navy, the financial troubles that would beset the islands, and their fear of a Moro uprising.

The independence advocates say the only way to teach the young nationals is to throw them overboard and make them swim. They want to see compulsory military education started.

The mission already has put one of its purposes into effect, that of having local finances gone over by an American auditor. One will soon start to work here.

## POLITICS NOW GROWING WARM

Politics is blazing now and members of the legislature from the provinces are working for re-election. Primary nomination have started in Cavite province which was the headquarters of the revolution against Spain. Young politicians from the city don farmers' hats and shirts and go out to the country stores to electioneer. On Sundays in the villages, one sees political meetings and cock fights.

The American chamber of commerce and the

Philippine Bar association have joined in recommending the following reforms:

Extension of the use of American money and the suppression of local currency through which the low exchange rate has been responsible for the loss of millions and the failure of many business houses in the orient.

Extension of the United States postal system here and also the federal reserve bank.

Placing the public lands under the United States department of the interior and making taxation in the islands uniform with that at home.

## LINCOLN CENTER OF WORLD'S GARDEN SPOT

From Lincoln Star, June 1.)

C. W. Pugsley, editor of The Nebraska Farmer, spoke to a crowded meeting of the Realtors at the chamber of commerce Wednesday noon. He declared that Lincoln was the center of the richest, largest and most productive farm belt in the world and then proved his statement by official maps and statistics.

"Some day in the future," said Mr. Pugsley, land in this region will be the highest priced natural watered land in the world."

The value of land, he pointed out, was based upon three things: climate, soil, the size of the tract in which it is located. The region within an appropriate circle of 150 or 200 miles in all directions around Lincoln possesses these qualities in ideal proportions.

Mr. Pugsley spoke of the rich black soil sometimes found to be 200 feet deep and of almost inexhaustible quality. In many places in this section of the Missouri valley the fertile soil is 200 feet deep, said Mr. Pugsley. "It doesn't need lime to sweeten it. The three essential elements: Phosphate, nitrate and potash are present in the right proportions," he claimed and quoted Chancellor Avery of the university as saying that these elements would never be exhausted. With the proper use of home made fertilizers the soil in the Missouri valley region will remain as productive as it is now. It is rich in nitrates, potash and phosphates, the three big elements in the highest production of foodstuffs.

Climate here is also ideal, he declared. We have a rainfall of from twenty-four to thirty inches, which is just right for nearly all crops. If the fall is heavier than this, the surface is washed off and gullies washed in the land; if less, the crops suffer from lack, stated Mr. Pugsley. All the principal crops thrive in this region. Tropical crops, only, do not grow here.

U. S. department of agriculture maps, were then thrown on the screen.

Lincoln was shown to be near the center of the

ideal rainfall belt. Agricultural population was thickest here.

"These maps are official and not fixed up for the occasion," Mr. Pugsley smilingly explained. Maps of the world agricultural regions were then shown.

The greatest winter wheat region in the world was found to be in this section of Nebraska.

This as also found to be the best oats region.

Corn was found to be grown almost exclusively in the United States. Nebraska corn land was shown to be just as good as the much vaunted Illinois corn belt and to be much larger in area.

Dr. Pugsley pointed out that this section is capable of producing excellent crops of apples, grapes and other fruits as well as corn, wheat and other cereals. As sample of the high price of farm lands in Europe, he instanced the sandy farms of Holland valued as high as \$800 an acre.

## SALZBURG'S GESTURE OF DESPAIR

The almost unanimous vote by which eighty-five towns and villages in Salzburg expressed their desire for political union with Germany will have no effect upon the course of history. It is simply a pathetic gesture of despair in a community trying to save itself from destruction.

It would not be fair to say that the plight of Austria has attracted no sympathy in the Entente. Long ago the Italians began sharing their scanty food with Austrian children, and hard-pressed Britain has not forgotten to aid them with money. The Entente is trying to devise some remedy for the hopeless muddle of Austrian finance. But the one remedy to which the Austrians themselves pin their faith—the remedy most effective of all, since it would stimulate hope and inspire effort—is denied.

Fear prompts the refusal, and fear is seldom wise. France feels that the annexation of Austria would make Germany as populous as she was before the war and her consequent loss of territory. But no barriers of boundary will ever make the Austrians other than German in speech and sympathy; joining them with Bavaria would build up a South German state big enough to oppose a clipped Prussia, should it ever again make a drillmaster its ideal and conquest its aim.

Escaping extermination, the Austrians are certain to be either eager pro-Germans under another flag or a check on Prussian ambitions within the Reich. The second solution is really the more conservatively safe, besides the fact that it is their preference. The Salzburg vote is severely criticized in Entente capitals, but it shows the way of wisdom.—New York World.

## PROHIBITION AND THE NEXT CONGRESS

Well, of all things! The campaign for the repeal of the Volstead act, and for the election of a congress to turn the trick, is being organized in Philadelphia! The City of Brotherly

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## HEAVEN AND HELL

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Love, wealthy, cultivated, orderly, and substantial, is to be headquarters for a movement having for its object the partial restoration at least of the power of the drink traffic! The shades of William Penn and John Barleycorn in close association! You never can tell.

This campaign will have many other startling and incongruous features. It may develop, indeed, into one of the most intense tussles ever witnessed in national politics.

The wets are socketing their case in two propositions, and they lay them down with great earnestness:

(1) Prohibition cannot be enforced. The people will not have it. Many of "the best people" are violating the law. People outside the "pale," therefore, feel indorsed and encouraged in their defiance. The number is growing.

(2) The drink traffic, when openly recognized, yielded an enormous revenue to the government. Why not return and tap that source again? The government needs more revenue than ever before. The present puzzlement of congress is over finding money for the support of the government without adding to the burdens of legitimate business, or to the discontent of the rank and file of the people. Give the people the desired booze again, and the problem is solved.

The drys have full and open notice, and there is no reason to suspect them of having grown languid in their faith or purpose. Hence, when

the contest warms up, and wets and drys have at each other again, the country may witness such a contest over this issue as it has not hitherto known.—Washington Star.

## LET US HOPE

If it be true that the jazz musicians and song writers have gone on strike,

we urge them to be firm and immoderate in their demands, and we also urge their employers to be firm and unreasonable. We hope that neither side yields an iota—not a fraction of an iota! And maybe we'll all get a little much needed rest.—Chicago News.

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