

RESULTS OF IMPERIALISM

Let any honest man of fair intelligence make a calm review of the result of imperialism in the Philippines and he will come to the conclusion that the whole thing, to call it by no harsher name, was a grievous mistake. It has cost us the lives of about 20,000 men by wounds, diseases and accidents connected with the undertaking. It has cost in money about \$300,000,000. What have we in return for all this? Ten million people in the depths of distress on our hands, every one of whom hates us with an undying hatred. What gain has come to any citizen of the United States, outside of those who have been employed in this business? Poverty will reign in the Philippines for more than a generation to come. What wealth creating there is possible in that country is connected with agriculture and the beasts of burden upon which that depended have been destroyed by our army. No animal can be imported to take their places. Their natural increase under the most favorable circumstances is slow. The native population, crushed by a foreign invasion, is without heart and without the means of recuperation. By imperialism we have wrecked the hopes and destroyed the prosperity of 10,000,000 of people and done it at great loss to ourselves. That is what imperialism has done.

AN INFAMOUS GANG

The motto of this paper is: "The truth about everything," and it tries to live up to the motto. The truth about the United States senate is that it is the most infamous gang of scoundrels that ever got together as a legislative body anywhere on this earth. It has a veneer of courtesy. Its members pose as statesmen. They pretend to pass laws in which the public welfare alone is considered. But the truth about them is that their courtesy is forced by the most drastic rules, which are often disregarded. Its membership is composed for the most part of corporation lawyers, men engaged in manufacturing or banking who are there to further their own interests and that of the corporations that sent them there. Two of them have lately been exposed and convicted by documents of their own writing, of being not only dishonest, but of preventing legislation for the money there was in it for themselves. Documents have been printed with the signatures of Senators Elkins and Burrows attached in which they declared that the production of beet sugar would return in dividends from 40 to 50 per cent profit, and that if the tariff was entirely removed it would still be one of the best things in the United States in which to invest money. That is a sample of the scoundrelism of the senate. These men organized the fight against the Cuban treaty and declared if it were ratified "the industry would be ruined," when they, at the very time, were making from 40 to 50 per cent on their investments in the production of beet sugar. These two men, like many others in that body, are contemptible liars. It is a noteworthy fact that Mr. Oxnard the next day after these exposures were made called on the president and declared that he would make no further opposition to the confirmation of the Cuban treaty.

The whole senate legislation is run on this same plan. It is a nest of robbers. It is a body elected almost wholly by the corporations and the senators are true to the influences that sent them there.

BIG AND LITTLE TRUSTS

The evils that the people suffer from the big trusts are not more severe or numerous than those they suffer from little trusts. Following the example and expecting the same protection that has been extended to the great corporations, thousands of little trusts have been formed all over the land.

The ones to which attention is now most directed are the combinations formed by coal dealers in various cities and towns. From many points comes the news that while the sidetracks are full of loaded coal cars the people can get none to keep them warm.

Every man knows that if the great trusts, like the Standard Oil, steel and others of that sort, are to be allowed to destroy competition, everything else will follow in their lead, and the whole system of commerce as it has heretofore existed will be overthrown. The merchants in every little town will combine and the retail price of every necessity will be arbitrarily fixed. The communism of greed will be in the saddle everywhere.

HOW THEY WILL DO IT

Senator Hoar introduced an anti-trust bill, the chief features of which provide for publicity and the punishment of parties who attempted to crush out competition by selling goods below cost until the competitor was ruined and then raise prices to recoup the loss thus entailed and make exorbitant profits besides. It was no sooner given to the public than Congressman Jenkins, chairman of the judicial committee in the house, jumped on it with both feet. Mr. Jenkins says:

"It assumes to exercise power enjoyed by the states. It operates as a restraint upon commerce, something beyond the power of congress to do, as congress has only power to regulate commerce between the states, and not to restrict it; it interferes with the liberty of contract guaranteed to the citizen by both state and federal constitution; it deprives the citizens of property without any compensation; it is an attempt to legislate in the interest of one class against another; it exempts a class of persons and corporations engaged in interstate commerce, which the supreme court of the United States says congress has no power to do—that is, to create exemptions."

All of which goes to show that if Senator Hoar's bill ever passes the senate it will be held up in the judiciary committee of the house, and there it will end its career. The statement of Jenkins shows that no kind of an effective anti-trust bill will ever get past his committee. The republicans will introduce innumerable anti-trust bills, just as they have bills to put hard and soft coal on the free list, to take the tariff off dressed meat and to suspend the shipping laws. Not one of them will ever pass as long as the party leaders thing that they can hold power and do nothing but talk. That is the way they will do it.

SAME NAME, THAT'S ALL

Years ago the republican party emancipated the black slave and in recent years it has subjugated ten million brown men, and holds out no promise of liberty to them. The mullet head who "votes 'er straight" today, thinks that he is voting for the same thing that the republicans of 1860 voted for. Governor Boutwell, in his speech to the colored people of Boston, told them that "the republican party had become the enemy of universal liberty," and he told them the unvarnished truth. The New York Post says:

"We have proclaimed that our officers in the Philippine islands were performing their duties satisfactorily and successfully, whereas the islands are in a condition of famine, pestilence and general misery more pitiable than under any period of Spanish rule."

Practicing torture that equals that of the worst days of the inquisition especially in the case of Father Augustine, reducing millions by military oppression to starvation, repudiating every principle announced in its first platform, the mullet head, may God have mercy on his soul, still believes that it is the party of Abraham Lincoln.

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"I confess I like to see Pierpont Morgan buying up great lines of ocean steamships. I like to hear of foreign potentates and principalities and powers bowing down when he visits the continent of Europe. We need great strength. We need great individual power if we are to rival foreign nations in the great matters which they also control by individual power. We must, if we can, look out in protecting ourselves, not to destroy them, nor to cramp them. We can give them a law which will not impair their strength and not check their natural and rightful growth and that I hope is all we mean to do."

Men who talk that way are not the sort that will wage a successful warfare against those who have organized to loot the people.

The dailies continue to talk about good trusts and bad trusts. If there is a good trust at all it must be the anthracite coal trust. It is controlled by men most of whom are shining lights in the church and we have been informed that God in his infinite wisdom chose these men and gave into their hands the control of the property interests in anthracite coal. But the investigation of this trust so far as it has gone shows the pittance paid the men, the company store infamy, the employing of children, attempts to bribe strike leaders, insolence to the president, the holding of coal to produce a famine and exorbitant prices. If that is what a good trust does, what do the bad ones do?

Little by little that benevolent organization, the steel trust, is applying the screws to competitors after the fashion practiced so long by the saint—Rockefeller. The last thing reported is a change in the price ofterne plates which are used for tin Rockefeller—no, we mean Morgan—has fixed it so that the tin manufacturers outside the steel trust all say that they will have to put up forges and make this sort of plates themselves, or quit business. If they try that Morgan will have another card to play. Is Roosevelt getting ready to fire another shot?

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