

**HARRISON'S CLARION SPEECH.**

By far the most remarkable utterance from any American citizen during the last twelvemonth is the recent powerful and loftily patriotic address of ex-President Harrison at Ann Arbor. The more it is studied, the more calmly courageous and unanswerable is it in vindication of the bedrock principles of justice and constitutional liberty that underlie our republic. In clearness of reasoning, in entire mastery of the whole question, and in its resonant ring for freedom, that speech recalls Abraham Lincoln. It is a bugle-clarion that ought to arouse the nation.

Now that the ghost of Bryanism is laid, we Lincoln republicans who helped to put William McKinley in the White House for the next four years have a right to be heard, and a patriotic duty to perform. We take our president at his own word, and solemnly protest against further "criminal aggression." You may remember that I wrote in these columns (before the election) an urgent appeal to all anti-imperialists to unite in saving our nation from the mischiefs and miseries of Bryanism. And I added that I was perfectly confident that "the conscience of the American people, and the irresistible logic of events would yet insure justice to the Filipinos." Every day is confirming that prediction. As "the stars in their courses fought against Sisera," so is the logic of events defeating the attempt to vassalize those Filipinos who have for many years been struggling for independence. Congress refuses to act, and tosses the responsibility on the president. He, in turn, disclaims responsibility and sends out "commissions" who have no legislative or executive authority! How much longer must this tragic travesty of republicanism go forward? I trust that the petition and remonstrance now being circulated will be signed by tens of thousands who voted for McKinley, but did not vote for imperialism.

What a Christmas to end the nineteenth century! The angel's song of "peace on earth" drowned by the roar of guns and the wails of the wounded! The foremost Christian nation of Europe butchering in South Africa fellow-Christians who are repeating the heroism of Thermopylae! Christian America butchering a people to whom we were three years ago utter strangers, and who never had a thought to harm us! This, too, in defiance of the judgment of Harrison, Cleveland, Hoar, Hale, Edmunds, Carlisle, and other leading statesmen whom all the world honors! In view of all these things I am ready to shout, and tens of thousands will reëcho it, "God bless Benjamin Harrison!"—Theodore L. Cuyler, in New York Evening Post.

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