

habitants citizens? I hope not. I think not. They are intensely ignorant and still retain in part their old cannibalistic natures.

We, the people, are helpers. This may be a democracy, but the people are not running it. We will have no vote upon it. This is an instance in which I believe in a referendum. We ought to solve such problems by a direct vote of the people.

We are going to annex them and treat them as Hawaii is to be treated as a territory. There will be an American governor and more or less local liberty will be given. The few white men will rule. The people will have nothing to do with it. This may not be in harmony with our theory of government, but we know that it is a common thing in history for theory and practice not to go together.

At the close of our civil war, we gave all negroes suffrage. I am inclined to believe that we made a mistake. I do not believe that we will make the same mistake in the Philippines. We are going to rule these people and not on a civilization basis, either.

The religious problem will be a very difficult one. If there is any one thing that history has taught, it is that there are different forms of religion. The religion of the Anglo-Saxon differs from that of the Latin. The people of the Philippines are nearer the Roman Catholic Church than the protestant.

Many of the islands have never been conquered. It will be our business to conquer them and that is a new experience for the United States. The islands will never be in a position to become a part of the United States. White men will never go there to any great extent. The climate is too hot. They may go as governors, but not as inhabitants. You may say that the colored man is just as good as the white man, but we know that he represents a lower state of development. It will take centuries for the people in the tropics to reach our state of development and perhaps they will never reach it.

We will have a republic ruling dependencies. I find European history much easier to teach now than several months ago. We have an object lesson right before us. We can now understand how Athens and Sparta and Rome felt toward their dependencies.

The Philippines form a side issue to the Chinese question. China is waking up. A while ago it looked as though China would be divided up, but so many nations wanted a piece of her that they couldn't agree. The great Chinese nation, with its unnumbered millions, will be open to trade. The people of America propose to have their share of this trade. The chief underlying reason for this rush of the nations toward China is to obtain markets. Economically it is a life and death struggle. We are overproducing. Capital is cheap and lying idle. Interest keeps dropping. People are saving and they want investments that will give 10, 15, 25 per cent. This thing was all ready to burst, when the war furnished an opportunity. The colonial empire of Spain has been swept away, and we have become a world power. There is an element of universal history in our own war history. Never before as today was there a world history.

It seems as though the struggle has become that of the English-speaking peoples against all the rest of the peoples of the civilized world. That was a joke fifty years ago, but it is serious now. Previous to this struggle England and America had been drawn together. The reason Russia, France and Germany caused us no more trouble, was because England said, "Hands off." There has been for years a steadily growing sentiment in England for closer relations with America. This means that the world is progressing. It is one of the tendencies of history that greater federations, greater aggregations of peoples should be formed.

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