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BLUNDERS OF IMPERIALISM

Close Range View of the Philippine Problem by a Missionary.

AFAIRS PRECEDING THE OUTBREAK

Melancholy Prospect for American Soldiers in a Prolonged Campaign Against Insurgents in the Interior.

Rev. Clay MacFarlane, a Unitarian missionary and correspondent of the Boston Transcript, writes to that paper, after an extended visit to Manila, his views of the problems which confront the United States in the Philippines.

The cause which wrought up the natives to a fighting pitch is outlined by this observer in a mission as follows: "The proposed assumption of political sovereignty over them by the United States has recently become magnified to them as their greatest danger. By common impulse they are throughout united to oppose it and unless their fear can be quieted, or their allegiance to American sovereignty secured by persuasion or reward, they will carry their opposition into open warfare. Above all, they demand that the United States should not force their affairs upon them without their own consent. They resent the agreements of Spain and the United States, or the acts of the American congress, that displace the Filipino Republic."

However, whatever be the value of the reasons against the annexation of the Philippines to the United States, they are not responsible for the bearing of a promise. His convenience or his pleasure is his only bond, except fear. The insurgent leaders, even were they for the present placated, might easily be led to head a revolt against the United States. The gift of high office or command would be a bitter-sweet reminder to the American soldiers, for services given as "allies" during the war with Spain, but in view of the inadvisability of annexation in any form, such a gift would be inexpedient and, in any event, would be of doubtful merit.

Apparently at present the only direct way of annexation remaining is the way of force of conquest by arms. But, aside from the absence of any other method of annexation on the part of the United States, the practical impossibility of success in it puts it beyond our use. If no other obstacle were in our way, the climate would make any campaign into the interior of the country prohibitively onerous. Large areas of the various islands would be the most fertile and best populated by men and women native born, and born of an ancient native ancestry, who could do all needed work better and cheaper, even could the American become acclimated to the climate of the islands. Besides, the islands are already well populated by men and women native born, and born of an ancient native ancestry, who could do all needed work better and cheaper, even could the American become acclimated to the climate of the islands.

Again, it should be understood at home that annexation of the Philippine islands is not necessary to secure the further development of, or to protect, our commerce in the Far East. For the purpose of our free and friendly government of the islands would be a benefit to the United States—people or government—annexation would be a constant source of trouble and danger. In this instance, the climate of these islands is prohibitive of the immigration of the American laborer. He could not do the work of the swamps, fields, mines or factories there and live. This is the fact of the matter. Besides, the islands are already well populated by men and women native born, and born of an ancient native ancestry, who could do all needed work better and cheaper, even could the American become acclimated to the climate of the islands.

BENEFITS WITHOUT ANNEXATION.

Need more be said to show the futility of the proposed annexation of these islands of the far east to the United States? After a careful study of the Philippine problem, to me the conclusion has become clear that the American people should, for the present, abstain from the annexation of the Philippines in a national capacity, and under an American protectorate. Let the "Philippine Republic" have its way in the administration of its internal affairs. Let Spain's rule be assured of emancipation from Spanish rule, and let the independence of other powers. Let us separate ourselves from them, politically, as far as possible, demanding as a special care only that their processes at law shall find a place of final appeal in the United States.

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