

LETTERS TO"GREENBOY."

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You overestimate entirely the importance of the iesue which holds up its head under the defignation of im. perialism. That cheap term "imperialism" does lot incorporate an idea. It is merely a word used to frighten timid and apprshensive people. When Grant was presidont, es-Mayor A. Oakey Hall of New York contributed leading articles to the New York Herald. They were full of expressions of fear that General Grant would proclaim himself emperor. They were for the most part headed "Dangers of Imperialism." Just ae the reference to the "cross of gold" was borrowed from a Massachuselts congreseman, the word "imperialism" as applied to our institutions was borrowed from Oakey Hall. The ecarecrow is as harmlees now as it was then. Both had a coat of mail on the outside and straw on the inside.
Imagine for one moment William McKinley with a crown on his head, order ing peopla to be crucifled on a croes of gold-some dozen or more overy morai ig before breakfast. It is to laugh.
For all practical purposes imperialsm and militarism are synonymous terme. 1mperialism means to conquer with $\mathrm{fl}: \mathrm{e}$ and sword and militarism to hol 1 by brutal force. The demoeratic parly pretends to fear that this is the treat ment we have in store for the Filipine islands. Bryan \& Co., proclaim that islands. Bryan \& Co., proclaim that
the Filipinos having fallen into our
hands by the fortunes of war should not only be given independence, but protected rom outeide interference while facter isey work out their own deatioy. what we of the republican is exactily what we of the repubs is the
party are trying to do. Congrese is proper body to determine what shall be done with the islande after Aguinoldo has boen licked. And licked he will be take my word for that.
When the war is over two iofluences ill be brought to bear upon membere of Congress for the retention of the Filipine ielands as Uaited States territory. One of them will be the commercial, the other the church intereat. The forn.er will claim that extension of our foreign trade requires annexation. The latter will claim with great fervor that the savages (and they are not savages) should be civilizod. You are too simple-minded to realizg what such pressure means. But in time you will pressure means. Barn then you will do
learn to realize it and some thinking.
Conscioualy or unconsciously, willing. ly or unwillingly the democratic party has placed itself in the attitude of sur. render ts armed antagoniste. The republicans know full well that they can not be beaten by any party which demands a retreat under fire. The democrats cannot combat a sentiment which is part of the nature of every human being-the repugnance to acknowledg. ing yourself beaten. "The war is a failure" will continue to eling to the demoer
Cle!lan.

The withdrawal of our troops from the Filipines at thie time woild epell neither anti-imperialiem nor anti-expanion. It would apell national dishonor We would be the laughing stock of a! nations. Ridicule. that sticks is a woapon that will alay everything in ite path.
It is my opinion that in paying twene ty million dollare to Spuin we have acquired a defective tittle. But that does not vitiate the justico of our present aggressive policy. We do not accept the proposition that we ean be beaten by anything on earth-least of all by a race like the Tagale of Luzon. These charming peopie are ontitled to their iodependence. They are not our kind of people and we do not want them. When weget through with them, they are welcome to set up housekeeping for themselves. The exigencies of 1 rade and religion do not require their aesimilation. If in the future other nations cast a longing eye on the Filipioes, let them keep out of trouble tbe best they can.
When we have taught Aguinaldo a lesson we should be magoanimous and onlightened enough to expect neither tribute nor territory, And alttough the democracy mas continue to mietake its target and fire at the nation instead of the republican party, that party will settle the Filipine question to suit the nation. If this is imperialism, make the most of it.
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