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An Appeal to the Filipino.
There are Asiatic races on which kindness is wasted. They respect the men who treat them justly and firmly, but in kindness they see timidity. Judging from recent experiences in the island of Samar and elsewhere in the Philippines the Filipinos have not yet learned the full strength and resources of the United States government, and find in the pacific and generous policy it has been pursuing signs of a lack of strength and of determination. It may be that a little less gentleness and more severity will be required.—Chicago Tribune.

We have been so condescending As to purchase you from Spain, Paying twenty million dollars; I recall the sum, with pain; And have slaughtered you industriously From then until today; I could weep aloud, when thinking Of our kindness thrown away.

For we've killed you most expensively, With rapid-firing guns, Shooting sixty shells a minute, Using cartridges by tons; And instead of humbly thanking us, On prayerful bended knees, You have banged at us with cannon, Fashioned out of trunks of trees.

We have butchered you, and pardoned you, Till seventy times seven; We've given your bodies burial And sent your souls to heaven; We've often taken prisoners, And even spared their lives; But benefits (and bayonets) You've met with bolo-knives.

And, still, we've used you fatherly, And gently shot you down, And when we lost a man or two, Humanely burnt a town, While our navy hurled parabolic Blessings from above; 'Twas entirely unavailing— For we couldn't win your love.

We have prayed to you with shrapnel, That we might be reconciled; But sharper than a serpent's tooth Hath been our devil-child; With warmest love and lucifers We've lit your nippa thatches; And, still, you wouldn't turn to us,— 'Twas but a waste of matches.

But now, in holy anger, And in agonizing grief, We are getting ready rapidly To give our souls relief; For the day of ruth is over, And of pardon and of grace, Since our kindness is but wasted On an Asiatic race. —Bertrand Shadwell, in Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

*A fact. Several of these primitive wooden cannon were on exhibition at Buffalo; and the aspect of these pitiful and ineffectual weapons, must have filled every generous heart with compassion and wonder.

The Toad Eaters' Expedition.
If Theodore Roosevelt wanted somebody to represent him personally anywhere it is safe to say that he would not send a gentleman tricked out in knee breeches and a braided coat, with a toy sword at his side. Why, then, should Theodore Roosevelt, as president, think Mr. White-law Reid in such a masquerade make-up will fitly represent the United States at a king's coronation? The thing is no more American in one case than the other, and Theodore Roosevelt, who used to be an American to the backbone, knows it as well as does any other citizen of this democratic republic. President Roosevelt, indeed, so entirely understands the offensive ab-

surdity of this special embassy to participate in Edward's coronation that he has not dared to ask congress for an appropriation to pay its expenses.

The subject of a special appropriation for the purpose has not been broached in either the house or senate up to the present time. If the state department has asked for one the fact has been kept secret by the committee to which the request would go. Requests for appropriations, as a rule, are made public when received by these committees.

Nevertheless there will be money available to pay for Mr. Reid's knee breeches and the rest, and the American taxpayer will have to supply it. The urgent deficiency bill, which passed congress early last month, contained an item of \$40,000 to be used by the state department "to enable the president to meet unforeseen emergencies arising in the diplomatic and consular service, and to extend the commercial and other interests of the United States." In Washington this is known as the state department's "secret fund," and the disbursements are not required to be made public.

The cost of sending to London the knee breeches kowtowing coronation expedition will undoubtedly be drawn from this "secret fund." President Roosevelt will not, if he can help it, give congress a chance to debate so indefensible a use of public money; part of which must be paid by every mechanic, laborer and farm hand in the country.—New York Journal.

Another Cabinet Vacancy Wanted.
Mr. Root is a corporation lawyer by profession and by practice. In that field he has for many years been highly successful. If he return to New York lucrative fees doubtless will await him there. As secretary of war he has outlived his usefulness. In view of the intense friction he has stirred up in the department, in the army and in congress it is to be hoped that he may speedily retire from the cabinet.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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