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They Should be Squelched.

The upholding of the war in the Philippines is the spontaneous patriotism of individual citizens. The attack on it is not an aggregation of individual protests, but a cold-blooded political assault.

The feeling that the war, having been forced upon us, should be carried out swiftly and efficaciously, with patriotic fervor on the field of battle and patriotic support and commendation at home is the feeling of the American as a citizen, not as a partisan. The feeling that the brave Americans in Luzon should be hampered by criticism and abuse, their enemy comforted by sympathy and open praise, is not the spontaneous protest of men overwhelmed with the sight of an unjust war. It is a political manipulation for political effect, and the man who lends himself to it innocently should stop and think. If he does that he will cut loose from the crowd.

The question may later become a partisan question. It is not now, except that the Democratic leaders make it so, by turning every patriot against them and calling him Republican because he turned against them.

The American soldier is a brother. He is fighting for the flag, the flag which is the emblem of all American citizens. Our soldiers' enemy is our enemy. As the Republicans of Nebraska say in their platform: "So long as there is a gun pointed at an American soldier, so long as there is an armed enemy assaulting our flag, so long must patriotic and loyal Americans uphold our president in effecting protection, tranquility and peace to all who recognize our lawful occupation."

Every American ought to feel it his duty, and ought to feel it unbidden, to be for his country against all other countries. Any party which for pure political effect, and for an advantage to be gained from such a position, asks him to be against his country, he should repudiate.

The war is on in the Philippines. It will continue, as long as it continues the rebellious Tagal is the enemy, not only of the soldier in the field, but the citizen at home.

To the man who honestly believes that a step toward colonization, or colonization is inimicable to this government the time is not now for his protest. If he and those who believe with him have a majority of their sentiment, they can elect a congress which will turn the Philippines over to whomsoever they direct. But they can not stop the war, they can not accomplish their purpose by wishing defeat to American arms, or success, through sympathetic resolutions or speeches, to the armed rebels.

Hiding gospel to Aguinaldo, ridiculing the American soldier or wishing him disaster, will do more to bring colonization about than open advocacy of colonization will. In the prosecution of the Spanish war this Filipino contest followed unbidden and against our wishes. There is only one thing to do—prosecute it, and prosecute it with solid challenges on the field and unanimity at home. That settled there will be ample time, if a majority of the people wish it, to turn the Philippines over to the Filipinos.

And we do not believe that the American people, Democrat, Populist or Republican, individually, believes in wishing disaster to the American soldier or the American flag. We believe that the attack is political, a cold-blooded manipulation for partisan advantage by political leaders, who inasmuch as they are not ashamed of themselves, should be squelched by the great following in their parties and kept squelched until they understand once and for all that there is no victory for any issue that counts upon, as its essential argument, disaster to America or humiliation to the American flag.

Europe's Danger From the Plague.

Ex-Minister Hanotaux of France is greatly worried over what he believes the certain attack of all Europe by the eastern plague. He calls upon the nations of the continent to appoint a commission which shall take steps to combat the monster. He says: "It will be remembered how all Europe was filled with consternation when, two years ago, the report came that the Indian scourge had begun to spread. Marseilles, always first to take the initiative, closed its port. The city brought to remembrance the fearful visitations suffered when, in 1720, its population was cut in two. Nevertheless Marseilles was told that it was not right to close the port, and it was reopened. At the same time the various governments took measures against the spread of the scourge. An international conference was convened. Precautionary and preventive measures were discussed and carefully dictated. Then the conference adjourned, believing that all was done that could be done. But the scourge does not care the snap of the finger for decisions on paper. It took passage with great complacency from India on ordinary vessels—that is to say, on such ships as took Musselman pilgrims from India into Arabia. Here its presence was discovered by the physicians, who did not need to look at its passport to determine its identity. Once arrived in this favorite plague spot, it needed but to await its opportunity to find fertile fields for its microbes.

"A year passed and it was suddenly encountered in Alexandria. In the land of the Pharaohs it showed itself extremely benevolent; it appeared and disappeared. First, there were two cases, then three, then none; then again two cases, then three, then none. And those hide-and-seek tactics were kept up for months. Somehow or other it was most active among the indigent and the miserable. But the pest made its appearance also in the gorgeous palaces of royalty, so that it was difficult to determine its whims. And nothing could induce it to disappear altogether. Cold weather for a time caused it to cease its ravages, and Madagascar, our colony, was saved. Now the plague is with us in Oporto, in the heart of Europe. Dr. Jorge, a graduate of the Pasteur Institute, was the first to recognize it, and he hastened to publish his fateful discovery. One of his colleagues, Dr. Costa, assaulted him in public. A riot ensued. The merchants closed their shops. Cries of "Compagnons!" and "A bas!" greeted the well-meaning physician. The police had to be called out to prevent his being lynched. Hundreds of people were injured during the episode, but the pest was, nevertheless, at Oporto, and it could not be checked by a popular outbreak. The stories were reopened, the police restored order, and the doctors went to work with a will, while the subtle enemy of the crowded centers silently pursued its murderous occupation. What now? The prophesies have been realized. The misty monster is spreading its tentacles and the entire civilized world is endangered. Will Europe take the pains to open her eyes and take the necessary preventive measures?"

Dreyfus Will Not Down.

That is no unfamiliar or unobscured saying which declares: "Nothing is ever settled which is not settled right." The scandal that has long troubled France is not ended, as

a diplomatic incident may be said to be ended, merely because certain ministers have granted formal "pardon" to the victim of Devil's Island and of two unjust judgments. Dreyfus himself, broken in health, may have been induced to accept such a "pardon" in order to avert a long term of close imprisonment, which all signs indicate he could not hope to survive. But this and any agreement not to press further suit for redress before the courts do not at all affect the merits of the matter. High authorities in France may hope to rid themselves of an awkward question by a policy of threat and bribe combined, but practically the entire world realizes that Dreyfus was convicted on wholly insufficient evidence. His good opinion cannot be won over through any tactics like those of the ostrich—hiding its head in the sand and thinking itself unseen. The Dreyfus issue will not "down," even in France, although the makeshift and illogical pardon device may quiet agitation there for the moment. It is impossible to evade permanently the logic which declares: If Dreyfus were justly found guilty, he should not have been pardoned; if innocent, he never should have been convicted.

It is yet fondly hoped—with but slight warrant—that France and the world will forget the story of Dreyfus and his trials, permit him to dwell in hoped-for obscurity, a lifelong exile from his country, deprived of all military rank or possibility of attaining it, and turn thought and attention to other and more congenial issues. All this assumes the old saying, "Nothing is ever settled that is not settled right," is not to prove true henceforth in France, and that deliberate wrong-doing is to be condoned through a policy that may quiet the careless and unscrupulous, but never can hush the voice of conscience, still heard, and still certain to demand to be heard, even in the land so fiercely claimed as their own by a great and noisy array of worshippers at the shrine of "the army, right or wrong."

The Odds in the Transvaal.

A very large majority of the "Uitlanders" or allens in the gold fields of the Transvaal republic are hostile to the Boers and eager to see the government overthrown or brought under the complete control of Great Britain. That is because they are people of British blood and mostly of British birth and have little in common with the Dutch farmers and stock raisers of the South African Republic. They feel that their position would be better and more comfortable under a new order of things.

It must not be supposed, however, that the Boers have no friends among the foreign population of the gold fields. The minority on their side is small, but it will probably more than offset, in the event of war, all the help which the big, disarmed and untrained majority can give England. The Germans in the Transvaal have organized a strong battalion of volunteers to serve with the Boers. They are trained soldiers for the most part, who have been through the rigid discipline of the German army. The Dutch from the Netherlands and the Belgians have raised another body of volunteers to serve with the native forces of the little Boer republic. Irish miners have also declared for the side of the weak and few against the strong and many.

All of these volunteers the Boers will be able to arm and equip in the best manner. They will more than offset the weight of numbers on the side of the alien population of the gold fields which is favorable to England. The British "Uitlanders" are not armed or disciplined. They cannot count for much in war with riflemen like the Boers.

A few facts such as this division in the gold mining element in the Transvaal are more favorable to the Boers than the conditions which are generally supposed to exist, but the tremendous preponderance of numbers on the side of the British empire remains. There are 12,000,000 white men of military age behind Chamberlain, and only 30,000 back of Paul Kruger. It is a monstrous difference.

The Crops in Cuba Destroyed.

The report of the general manager of the Cuban relief fund, who has just returned from that island, shows that this government will encounter unexpected obstacles in its efforts to Americanize the island, the same as it has done in Porto Rico.

The recent hurricane that swept over Porto Rico reduced thousands of the people to poverty and misery, a condition in which they would be less likely to appreciate the benefits of American rule than they would be if their crops and homes had not been destroyed. In Cuba, a long and disastrous drouth has destroyed most of the small crops, reduced the yield of corn to 15 per cent of the normal crop, and insured a marked decrease in the sugar crop for next year. As a result, business in the cities is dull, and the people are far from being prosperous. Perhaps a few of the thoughtful Cubans will understand why these conditions prevail, but the majority of them are likely to feel that American control has not been the blessing they hoped it would be.

If normal conditions had prevailed in both Porto Rico and Cuba this year, and the prosperity which was promised at the beginning of the season had been realized, there is no doubt that the people of both islands would have been better satisfied with the change of governmental control. The United States will, however, surmount the difficulties, and in the end the people of both islands will be forced to admit that they have received material benefit from the destruction of Spanish authority and the substitution of American control.

If there are any Democrats in the Transvaal who are just now howling for war, they should be forced to make affidavit that when war comes they will not howl because it is not immediately brought to a conclusion.

Nothing will be done against Merivé and the other conspirators in the French army. They will be left to the mercy of a retribution which is usually a little slow in getting into action, but is always sure.

The Democratic convention in Massachusetts was riotous and disorderly. But the Massachusetts Democrats must have their excitement some time, and they never get it on election day.

Frank Reavis, a Nebraska Republican, is a poet. He spoke, in referring to the reformation of the Philippines, of "the sunlight of a new age where the shadows of a dead century lie."

Mayor Jones of Toledo has taken clubs away from policemen and given them little wands. This is all right. The policeman's club has always been overworked.

The Grand Army of the Republic will have the right of the line in the reception to Dewey. General Roe tried to keep them out, but Roosevelt called Roe down.

All old General Jobert of Transvaal will say: "The situation is serious." Jobert will curi a lot of British hair before this thing is over.

The Orange Free State is talking pert to Great Britain, too. Everything in the manager is getting an audible opinion of the lion.

There are no stirring, wailing tears splashing against the ground in Kansas because Phil Armour is cornering the wheat market.

All that Schley's friends ask is that President McKinley issue a proclamation announcing that Schley is the whole cheese.

Spain has repudiated her Cuban bonds, and that wanted Spanish honor is again as limp as wet macaroni.

Om Paul continues to serve out of each burgher a rifle and a few choice selections from the Bible.

The Boers are laagering and the British are swagging. Great Britain can not lick the Boers.

She Was a "Brick"

"It's a great mistake to suppose that no woman is a brick," said Jack Travers to his friend Harry Lynde, when they were sitting smoking together in the latter's room in London.

"Is it supposed?" said Harry with a yawn. "I thought it was what decent fellows are supposed to be. I know I've often found women stones."

"Hard or cold?"

"Both—but what led you to discover that?"

"Well, a couple of my wife's staid with us last spring, on and off for months. She's a notorious flirt and has got red hair."

"What?"

"You didn't whistle; it's nothing of that kind and probably the incident won't interest you at all; it's not the least exciting."

"Well, fire away, old man."

"I do, to my cost."

"Well, that and other things made me, when I gave the girl a cigar case—"

"What?"

"It was rather a nice cigar case—"

"Yes."

"No, where was it? Well, for some reason or other, I told this wretched girl not to—"

"What?"

"Which? Tom, I suppose? Ah, I thought so; well?"

"Both about this rotten little present and my idiotic injunctions as to her using discretion in the matter?"

"Yes, the matter of the cigars. I foresaw the end, and the reason you favored me with your company so suddenly tonight."

"No, you don't; and you are quite wrong, because it all happened some time ago in the country. However, this young fool, out of foolishness or malice, told his sister, and chooses the moment when the girl, myself and my wife are all in the room together."

"A psychological moment, that could be called."

"Without a moment's hesitation she laughed the most natural laugh I've ever heard—I had my back turned to her, and was busy, very busy, with something at the end of the room. 'Jack,' she called out, her eyes brimming over with amusement, as I saw to my profound astonishment when I turned round, 'do listen to this. Dorothy has been making a mistake of the cigar case you so penitently confessed to me having ordered for her the last time you went to London. You little goose, she went on, turning gaily to the girl, 'has it come?'"

"Oh, show it to me. I quite forgot to send you about it, both for encouraging him to be extravagant and for encouraging him to encourage you to indulge in that vicious and filthy habit, which you know I so strongly disapprove of in both sexes."

"Well, she has never been able to cure either of you." And as the girl shamefacedly produced a chafet case from her pocket I sheepishly left the room. What do you think of that? It completely took both the girl and Tom in."

"You expect more of a brick than human nature is capable of."

"Ah, exactly; that's what I wanted to get at—and the little conning, did she trouble you for explanations?"

"Naturally, of course, she did. But you don't suppose, having made a fool of myself once—"

"I have been made a fool of."

"By perfectly needless, as it turned out, mistrusting my wife. I was as enough not to be loyal to her at this turn and back up her version to the girl."

"Of course I suppose you could hardly do anything else—I wish you wouldn't call her 'the girl'—this fairy, where does she hang out? I should like to see the nymph who can make so steady-going an old pilot as Jack Travers lose his bearings."

"Well, she dines with us tomorrow night; you can come if you like."

"Dines with you tomorrow, does she? O, then, you're right. My duty is a brick."—Westminster Budget.

Outlines of Oklahoma.

The Syl Dixon grain train was at the Atchison Corn Carnival this day.

A great many of the fields in the strip are already turning green with new wheat.

Tom Doyle and Dr. Ballard are talking of starting a Democratic daily at Oklahoma City.

Which introduced a cornstalk 15 feet high. Ponca City and Oklahoma City have not yet reported.

In sloughing around hunting for gubernatorial timber, Jerry Johnson has found Jake Admire and T. J. Palmer.

Baldwin, the man who is giving balloon ascensions in Oklahoma was the man who managed the war balloon at Santiago.

The taking out of naturalization papers is in many cases in Oklahoma a preliminary step to proving up on the claim.

It is just about time for the geologists to appear in the Brown of Oklahoma City and other Missourians.

As things are lining up in the territory, C. L. Clark is the leading fusionist and Tom Doyle the leading anti-fusionist.

A thousand people from Guthrie attended the Oklahoma City street fair. Oklahoma City is expected to reciprocate.

Miss Blockie Jamison now leads for queen of the Guthrie carnival with 1,200 votes. Mrs. Harry Ardey comes next with 1,000.

Oklahoma City has had a great week and the whole territory is proud of the hospitable way in which she entertained folks.

The Newkirk R. N. J. says that it declines to take part in the Barnes-Flynn fight, but that it stands for Jenkins and Scott.

Out in Woods county, the other day, Mrs. Decker was bitten by a tarantula. She was terribly sick for a few hours, but recovered.

S. L. Johnson of Alva is a brother of J. G. Johnson who has been placed at the head of the National Democratic committee.

One of the strange things about the race for carnival queen at Guthrie is that as soon as a young lady gets in the lead she withdraws.

The book-makers at Oklahoma City on the Fair-Country race did not do much business, as there was very little betting on the contest.

Work has begun on an addition to the Medford postoffice. The business has increased so much that an addition was absolutely necessary.

Miss Ella Beagle of Alva has sent her father a bullet she recently picked up on the field of the battle of Rich Mountain in West Virginia.

Andrew Foy, formerly of Kildare, now an engineer on the Mexican Central, is visiting in Oklahoma. He gets \$200 a month in Mexican money.

A whole lot of people in southern Kansas and Oklahoma are suffering with a light fever, a heavy cold and a deranged stomach. It is almost an epidemic.

It is time for Governor Barnes to appear at Guthrie, open his office door cautiously and see if Dennis Flynn hasn't put a bent pin in the gubernatorial chair.

Mrs. Tom Adams of Medford, who had the presence of mind to put out a gasoline fire with a sack of flour, deserves a medal. She is as brave and cool as Dewey.

Harry Thompson gave great satisfaction as starter for Oklahoma City races and so far as anyone could see did not do anything to embarrass himself politically in the future.

Teumessah Republican; if the farmers of this country would learn to raise more grain, fruit, cattle and hogs and less cotton, they would find life much easier.

In fact, there is hardly anything in the agricultural or stock raising line that would not pay better in this country and with less work, if properly managed, than cotton raising does.

No man should attempt to produce a "money crop" until the necessities of life have first been provided for. Cotton is all right for a side line, if the farmer does not have to depend upon it for his living. But there is no sense in any one trying to raise cotton exclusively, when he has to go in debt for the necessities of life and pay 10 and 12 1/2 cents a pound for the poorest meat on the market, 25 to 30 cents for package coffee, 5 to 10 cents for sugar, 15 for flour, and other things in proportion.

Along the Kansas Nile.

At the Atchison Corn Carnival the Rock Island provided for the street parade an automobile, free of expense to the city.

The speakers at the Topeka Old Soldiers' reunion this year are invited to talk politics. As the speakers usually do, the invitation is a good sense.

Emporia's street fair is going to be gaspingly proper. No man will be admitted unless he can prove that he is among the most fashionable.

Tonight We will repeat our last Wednesday's Free Athletic Exhibit, under the direction of J. C. Corbett. Admission free. Tumbling, Sparring, Bag Punching, Foils, Dumb-bells, Clubs, etc. Come out. Time, 8:30 sharp, lasting until 10. Follow the crowd and you'll find us, for "You Can't Dodge Our Store." MUSSELMAN BROS., 209 N. Main St. Phone 444. Wichita, Kansas.

A Meeting of the... TRAVELING MEN Is Called for Saturday Eve., Sept. 23 at 7:30 o'clock At U. C. T. Headquarters. All traveling men are requested to be present at this special meeting.

Save Your Eyes Save Your Money Save Time Save Yourself a Lot of Trouble Save Yourself from Being Imposed Upon By coming to my store and buying one of those nice, handsome ROCHESTER BURNER Lamps J. E. CALDWELL, 132 N. Main.



A young man employed in the actuary department of a large New York insurance company tells how he was driven out of his occupation by the Boers & Albany freight office at East Albany. "I learned while there," he says, "what it was to live a life of torture. I was unable to get my meals except at very irregular intervals, and was a short time suffering from an indigestible diet."

power with you is being. Then, if wrong do people justice—but that flag, you keep it! If that flag goes down to ruin, time will then, without a warning. Turn the dial back to midnight, and the world must wait till morning. Plank from the 22d City Republican platform: "We believe that when our soldiers are at the front, facing the enemy's gun, that every American citizen should give his hearty support. We condemn the hypocrisy of the Democratic Party, who, while loudly protesting that 'republicans desire their just powers from the consent of the governed,' and demanding that this principle be extended to colored men in the Philippines, are doing all in their power to deprive their colored fellow citizens of their own land from all participation in the government, although such right is guaranteed them by the constitution."