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The Samoan Islands have always caused more or less trouble, protectorates are always unsatisfactory and a joint protectorate is the most unsatisfactory of all. There is always jealousy and friction between the protecting powers, and even if the governments do not take much interest, their representatives manage to work up pleasant little squabbles of their own which cause much ill feeling. The Hawaiian Islands may be thankful that they were mercifully spared a protectorate.

It has never been noticed here that the first and last great acts of the war fell to the same man. Dewey's fleet opened the ball at Cavite on May 1st, and destroyed the Spanish fleet in the Pacific; among the last shots fired were those from his ships on August 13th, when he bombarded and destroyed the fortifications around Manila, the day after peace was signed. It seldom falls to one man to play in two such dramatic incidents, at the beginning and at the end of one of the most dramatic of wars.

What is the matter with the Morning Grandmother; a few weeks ago it informed its readers that the regulars of the United States army were composed of drunkards and ne'er do wells, and was very properly called down by The Star. Today it is praising the regulars and abusing the volunteers. The Morning Grandmother should take an extra cup of tea and clear her aged brain. There may be some scamps in the regulars, and there certainly are some among the volunteers, but both organizations contain good and faithful men.

There is one section of the globe that takes a grim satisfaction in the defeat of the Spanish, and that is the Jews. The chosen people have in the past suffered frightfully from Spanish intolerance and cruelty. It was not only in the United States that the prayers of the Jews were raised, but in synagogues all over the world. A prayer was recently offered in Jerusalem, in Hebrew, by the congregation of the "House of Jacob" at a special service at the "Wall of Wailing," which in reference to the Spanish commenced, "Avenge the blood of thy servants, which has been shed by a cruel nation and crush thine enemies forever."

Among the things that a political organization here should set to work and fight, in fact what all political organizations should join together to fight, is the proposal made by the Call that all California lepers should be shipped down here. We have quite enough to do to attend to our own troubles without having those of California thrust upon us. Of course one can see through the object of the Call. It is simply a desire of being as nasty as it can be, in view of the fact that it was beaten on its annexation campaign. Any means by which it can do injury to these Islands it is willing to father and abet, and to make this the dumping ground of all the lepers in the United States, and thus give an ill name to the group, is just into its hands. However no such nefarious scheme will carry. But whatever we may think of the ultimate lack of success, it is a scheme that every section of the community should denounce in no measured terms, and should bring to the notice of the three members of Congress at present on the Islands.

**COMING LIGHT.**

The war will give a wonderful stimulus to trade. The Philippines have been practically locked up from the commerce of the world, the Spanish trade restrictions have been so exacting and so vexatious. Whatever may be the political fate of the Islands, the terms of peace will stipulate for freedom of trade and the abolishing of all the petty exactions with which Spanish prejudice and ignorance hampers trade with the outside world. This will give a market made up of some 2,000,000, who will gradually become purchasers of American goods. Depend upon it that the American sewing machine, American cloth and

American manufactures will prove wonderfully civilizing agents.

But more important than even the change in trade will be the destruction of the power of the religious orders. These have kept the people of the Philippines, as it were, in mental fetters of iron. No one who has visited the Islands, or any other Spanish provinces ruled on the principles of the middle ages, but has been struck with this. The salaries paid to the grantees of the church out of the public funds have been enormous, and then the church has large revenues of her own from estates and a still larger revenue has been squeezed out of private generosity and private fears. That dark, gloomy, medieval superstition will be removed now forever, and the light of modern freedom of thought in such matters will be allowed to awaken among the Islands.

So strong has been the power of the religious bodies in the Philippines that not a place of worship of any other denomination could be raised, and the people were made to regard those from the outside as perhaps a little worse than heathens.

There is a strong difference between the liberal Catholicism of the United States and the medieval intolerance of this old colony of old Spain. It is a system which has survived three hundred years after it had received its death blow in Europe, and men emancipated their minds from a vicious thralldom. The Roman Catholics of the States are among our best citizens, loyal to their country and proud of its free institutions. They have nothing in common with the dark, sinuous, wily Dominicans and Franciscans of the Philippines and adjacent islands. These will flee before the light of modernism and remove one more blot from the face of the world.

**A PITY.**

There does not seem much to say in excuse for the conduct of certain members of the United States volunteers yesterday. The only thing that strikes one is that evil is growing, and that where twenty men were engaged in looting gardens, five times that number engaged in that amusement. It does not speak well for those in charge of these men that they say they cannot be prevented from behaving in this manner, and that it is impossible to bring home the charges to any particular individuals. If men can be kept in proper check during all the license of war, where large bodies are in the field, and where stragglers are unavoidably many, they certainly ought to be held in check where their numbers are few and where there need be very few stragglers.

Some thousands of United States troops have passed through Honolulu. Men from California, Utah, Nebraska, Colorado, Pennsylvania, and a large body of regulars. The citizens have learned to respect and admire the soldiers, for all these men have had the freedom of the city and have never abused it in the slightest degree. Of course of the regiment stationed here by no means a majority behave as the men did yesterday, but it is a pity that a few unruly members should sully the excellent record which has been made by so many thousands of our "boys in blue."

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