

ROOSEVELT PROCLAIMS THE NATION'S POLICY IN THE PHILIPPINES

Prosperity of the Country Set Forth in His Letter of Acceptance.

Governor Theodore Roosevelt has completed his formal acceptance of the Republican nomination for Vice President. His letter is a masterpiece of statesmanship...

The policy of the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 is a policy fraught with destruction to every home in the land. It means untold misery to the head of every household...

When this public denunciation is accompanied by private membership in the great corporations denouncing the effect is, of course, to give aid of ineffectuality to the whole movement.

We are not taking a single step which in any way affects our institutions or our traditional policies. From the beginning we have given widely varying degrees of self-government to different territories according to their needs.

Properly speaking, the question is now not whether we shall expand—the Philippines are now a part of American territory.

To grant self-government to Luzon under Aguinaldo would be like granting self-government to an Apache reservation under some local chief.

Following is the text of Mr. Roosevelt's letter:
OSTER DAY, N. Y., Sept. 15, 1898.
Hon. Edward O. Wolcott, chairman Committee on Notification of Vice President—Sir: I accept the nomination as Vice President of the United States...

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Many Precedents Are Cited for the Present Policy of Expansion.

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Nearly thirty years passed before the next instance of expansion occurred, which was over in the island of Hawaii. An effort was made at the end of President Harrison's administration to secure the annexation of Hawaii. The effort was unsuccessful. In a debate in Congress, on February 2, 1894, one of our Senators, Mr. Stanford, stated: "These islands are more than two thousand miles distant from our extreme western boundary. We have a serious race problem now in our country and I am not favor of adding to our domestic fabric a mongrel population of this character."

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Question Now Is: Shall We Contract?

expanded, but whether we shall contract. The Philippines are now part of American territory. To surrender them would be to surrender the principle of the present generation. They must, of course, be given self-government...

There are now in the United States communities of Indians which have advanced so far that they have been made equal to the bulk of the tribe as a whole in our political system. All the members of the tribe become United States citizens...

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Leaders of the Strike Assert that No Work Will Be Done in the Mines, While Operators Hope to Keep Some Shafts Working.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 16.—The United Mine-workers spent Sunday in strengthening their lines. Where they were weak, Organizer James came up from Hazleton and addressed a large meeting at Hudson, five miles north of this city. It was reported Saturday that the miners of that place intend going to work Monday. Mr. James was sent for and a meeting called.

In the course of his address Mr. James was loudly applauded. There were many women in the audience and they seemed to be as enthusiastic as the men. At Hazleton Organizer Nicholas addressed a large meeting. He, too, aroused much enthusiasm. He said the prospect of winning the strike was excellent and he advised the miners to stand firm.

All the men that can possibly be secured will be sent to one mine, it is insisted. They say there is no way in this way it is hoped to be able to mine some coal and make a showing. The operators realize that they should be doing and getting paid for. No operator or miner can make a prediction as to the outcome tomorrow.

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