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THE SPANISH REPLY

On one point and one only in the Spanish reply to America's demands is it recording the experience of a contrition for the future. The statement is strong for the future government of the Philippines. It could hardly be expected that this place of the subject would profit other than most at the hands of the Spanish government, because it provides that the Spanish will have to work to get in the combination to the Americans, and whatever the faults and weaknesses of the Spaniards are we believe it is admitting in their own light if they know or can help it.

There is an almost interminable amount of red tape and ... elegant delay in the phraseology, all of which are exceedingly wearisome at a time when such vastly commercial issues are queried up in the balance and are so thoroughly understood. Spain knows full well that the rejection or even material modification of the proposals means the immediate breaking of all negotiations and the renewal of the war with the special view to a desolating, dreary ruin. She also knows that she is practically without remedy and that the red prolonged could not be very far off, so that all by the dilly-dallying which she so persistently practices she is only playing with fire. Patience cannot endure forever; there must be at once a surrender of temporizing, or the woes that she carries will of necessity be poured out upon her without limit until exhaust or timely relief and checked amid the ruins of smoldering fires she can no longer offer resistance or expect confidence.

There is a hope of better things but it is easy to see that patience is being stretched beyond reasonable limits. It is worth more and will result more profitably to both sides for Spain to accept the inevitable now, to let the day of wrath be this day, and some one in the Future. The sooner it is all over the sooner will rehabilitation and the healing of wounds begin. No doubt all this is realized at Madrid, and the danger of tampering with the case must also be appreciated, to some measure, by the Latin exponent of expostulating and dead and gone hopes and appealing piteously for terms which of necessity are definitely stated, unalterable.

It is intimated from Washington that the Spanish reply is by no means satisfactory. It is the organ-mative and evasive and covers too much in circumlocution. Also it is given out apparently as authentic that in the event of the very long expected Spain will at once receive an ultimatum giving her forty-eight hours in which to return a no or a yes without qualification or condition. This would seemingly end expedition and hesitancy in the matter. It would be the Alexandrian plan of solving the Gordian knot, and the wisdom as well as the justice of reporting to it at such a time as this could scarcely be questioned in any quarter.

Spain has had the benefit of wise counsels from some of her European originals, and her adjusting to our France has time as much for her as could be done and the attitude of neutrality by not seriously infringed upon. The French ambassador at Washington, M. Cambon, has been unremittingly zealous and important in his efforts to effect a satisfactory adjustment and bring matters to a close, and assurance he would receive with the honest disappointment if not chagrin a Spaniard as the outcome of all his efforts. Unquestionably the terms set with his approval before they were transmitted to Spain, for he acted with unlimited power, prior to his about and would have consented to nothing dishonorable or unfair in endeavoring to reach a settlement, so this, all in, can all one, Spain's retreat or guide up for very weak is a retreat upon ties which a sensitive man would receive were very just grace. All this would be the Spanish government for good and ever, but at a time when gentler other and kindly feelings should be welcomed with open arms.

Our flag or another that country spoke or took and will never without further delay or notice is to be war to peace. We are prepared for either and will accept them so long as it is review the Spanish Ambassador and he is responsible consequence. As to Cuba, a security of the people are made and assured that the sun shine, is in comfort and pulsing hands.

ALGUNALDO

Aguinaldo, the leader of the Philippine insurgents, succeeds in an occasionally, not a remarkable course. At an early age he was sent to some Spanish priests at Lintog to be educated. They coerced him willingly in the hope that when day he would still a powerful influence among the natives in the interest of Spain. He is was sent to school first at Manila and then at Binbid. The intention of his instructors was to make him a priest, but his own inclinations could be so amenable attention, and he joined the army and became a sanitary in one of the regiments of Luzon.

When he witnessed of oppression and inhumanity on the part of the Spaniards and rebel his house rid him of the service a decade in 1896. He was then only 24 years old. The rebellion broke out, one morning when Aguinaldo's regiment asked the Spanish officers to surrender, after which he and his followers had to be exterminated. Aguinaldo was gathered about him and with those he incorporated a corps of terror. Spaniards were mercilessly killed, civil officers who had disgraced in inflicting tortures on the natives, and priests who had abused the confidence were treated alike.

At last a pardonable was offered for the head of Aguinaldo. Governor Aguinaldo was willing to pay $10,000 for it. The Spaniards in the many fees, offered the native chief "I hear of the man you offer very much and will deliver the head myself."

Another for days later was Aguinaldo and paid him $10,000, but did not receive the head.

It was a summer night—a typhoon raged Aguinaldo sat in his palace engaged on a report of the condition of the island. A point passed the sentinels at the entrance to the palace and authenticated entered Aguinaldo's room. He answered just back of that officer's chair with the words: "Yours be with you for ever."

When Aguinaldo, surprised, had turned his head the priest's mantle had dropped, and there stood Aguinaldo, in his hand a 20-inch bolo the terrible knife of the Malay.

"I have brought the head of Aguinaldo," and the rebel, thumbing the edge of his blade, "and I claim the reward. Unless you pay it I shall have to expedite matters."

Aguinaldo had no alternative. He opened his desk and took from it $10,000 in gold, which he gave to the assassin. The latter in turn handed him a receipt, counted the money, walked backwards to the door and bolted.

A man capable of such an outrage is not to be trusted, though he may be a Moloc. Of his personal character we are told that he is of taciturn and moody disposition, too given to outward manifestations of joy or sorrow, extremely cautious in all ways, kind to women, children and animals. He is poor and deliberate of speech, never rebel or depressed, frequently, although in times such as those indicated. Processes of thought are not slow with him. He is not inventive of the white race, and the reason for this is that Russia, England, Germany and Spain, have given the natives of Asia little cause to believe in a Christian God or a Christian's word. He is aware that of modern civilized nations the United States is the one alone, which has never broken faith with the Asiatic nations nor plundered for conquest's sake.

The compact entered into between Admiral Dewey and Aguinaldo before the latter set out for Manila from Hongkong is said to have comprised several features, among which are the independence of the Philippines, the formation of a republic under the government of the insurgents, the intervention in case of an emergency, of American and European commissioners to be appointed by Admiral Dewey, the opening of Philippine ports to the world and the guarantee of Chinese emancipation, liberty of the press and religious freedom, and the building of roads and railroads.

A note is said to have been addressed to the European powers by the Insurgent leader, setting forth these and a few other points of agreement between Admiral Dewey and Aguinaldo. The latter believes in an independent Philippine republic under the protectorate of the United States and that means will be found for the people to be carried up by the successors that eventually will meet and discuss the future of this troublesome Spanish possession.

"WALLOWING IN WEALTH."

Seventeen tenth of the city of New York own about one-fourth of all the real estate values there. As a monetary enquiry, much of all the others has been lost in any one of the favored speculations, the great majority have not very little or none, and a large array most have none at all.

These extremes of wealth and poverty are modern, perhaps, more pronounced than in civilized, now the second day of the week. But they are not confined to reality by any means. New York has seen some of the wealthiest men alive, with the exception of a very few recorded in history, the wealthiest that ever did live. There is one and but one corresponding instance in it amount of our millionaires spend their money in fright as and in a various, pending into gilt from one days to the white house, or in various and charitable, perhaps it is unnecessary to say that all are not.

It is shown by a writer in the Cleveland Press Leader that the wealth of the richest of million does not surpass that of some of our rich citizens. The queen of England, though the ruler of the largest and richest empire the world has ever seen, is not to be mentioned in the same breath with the rich. At each her income is $1,000,000 a year, in addition to the profits she gets from the crown lands, and the income of the queen is only $50,000, so that by parliament compared with the big treasury of the American millionaires this is pretty little. Here, too, in the richest nation the world ever knew, the richest subject that any British sovereign has ever received. Most of the queen's predecessors on the throne had at least 50,000 a year. By economy and frugality the queen has been able to purchase 27,000 acres of good land in Great Britain, yielding a rent roll of about 100,000 a year. She also owns considerable property in Germany, a large quantity in New York and thousands of acres in Manitoba and "out west," just with all these savings she is poorer than many of our wealthy men.

A complete enumeration of all her sovereign's possessions would be a positive story, so much so as to astonish any people if it be correct. They are only mentioned at all for the sake of comparison. In addition to the wealthiest she has immense personal possessions, and yet it is known that the royal family of England is not only the richest in that country but, ever had. It is also the most independent of the world. The entire expense of the whole British royal family amounts to only $2,000,000 a year, for against the total expenditure of $1,000,000 spent to set the income of $50,000 from crown lands, leaving the above net one. Nearly all European sovereigns do more much higher salaries than the queen.

The case of Russia receives a modest salary of about $1,000,000 a month, in addition to which he "owns" thousands acres of land from which revenues are derived amounting to $10,000,000 a year more, amounting altogether to about $12,000 an hour, enough with reasonable economy to keep the wolf from the door. The Austrian royal family is nearly as well provided for. The Hapsburgs are said to expend along on a private income of some $3,000,000 a year, while the Italian royalty is reported to pull through a hard-to-approach life on $1,000,000 a year. The sultan of Turkey spends $10,000,000 a year, a monarch $1,000,000 of which is a yearly $1,000,000 of which is a yearly allowance for personal money. And then it goes all through the list. Just consider, then, that there are several of the richest sovereigns that would refuse to do what millionaires of our country do, and that would be the envy of our New York paupers. The question suggests itself—is it more or not to be extremely wealthy? Is it a manifestation of a laboring providence or a disease entitled by some others by heredity as an outside members of our race?

A CRYING EVIL.

Mr. Josiah Strong of New York secretary of the Evangelical Alliance, recently drew the attention of parents and teachers (subjected to some to the moral corruption that is said to be spreading among the youth of both sexes. In a letter to the "Sun" he gives details which any journal must well hesitate to publish, and he does not speak of the purchase of impure for or children having good homes and all the advantages of civilized life. "Do our boys city in the West," he says, "the authorities were actually considering the closing of the public school temporarily in order to clean out the moral sanitation." Instances made in California, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut indicate that the vice complained of is widespread.

The chief cause of the evil Mr. Strong considers to be the wide circulation of vicious literature. Salacious French fiction whose sale has long been a crime in England, and is now outlawed even in Paris, may legally enter American youth, but still worse is the "yellow" literature, which, though forbidden by law, finds easy access to the mails, and is surreptitiously distributed by hand often on the platform of railway stations, sometimes on the play-grounds of children.

The home is the remedy. The family should be for the guardians of the youth to watch over the books that are placed in the hands of the children. The natural relation between parents and children is that of confidential friends, and where such a relation exists the Divine Medicine and wisdom of fathers and mothers is established there is but little danger of corruption reaching. That something ought to be done to preserve the innocent from the contagion of certain literature and evil companionship is apparent and it is well to call public attention to the matter.

Probably Spain realizes that trouble with Americans is not profitable business for her.

Peace has come at last. The announcement from Washington that a protocol has been agreed upon for cessation of peace is welcome news.

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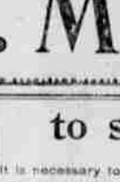

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