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Philippine Islands until their course was checked by the action of the House of Representatives last Spring in limiting the size of areas which can be sold to investors. The policy thus supported by Mr. Taft was sure to produce the same conditions brought about in Hawaii, where, according to the report of the Immigrant Commissioner of the United States the inhabitants are slaves to the Sugar Planters. There is not hope for such a policy as we advocate in either Mr. Taft or Mr. Roosevelt.

In regard to the candidates for the United States Senate, the Hon. Samuel W. McCall among the Republicans has been a staunch supporter of Philippine independence and has promised to vote for the bill establishing it, reported by the Insular Committee of the House of Representatives. The Democrats whose names have been suggested for the Senatorship presumably support the declaration of the National Democratic Convention and of Governor Wilson, concerning the relation between the United States and the Philippine Islands.

All the Democratic candidates for the National House of Representatives are pledged to support action looking to the early independence of the Philippine Islands, but the Hon. Andrew J. Peters has been especially prominent in actually promoting the cause in Congress.

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED.

The Thirteenth Annual Report of the Anti-Imperialist League.

Address Before the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Anti-Imperialist League, the Hon. Manuel L. Quezon.

Neutralization of the Philippines Report and Resolution, from the Committee on Insular Affairs.

Report upon Bill for the Independent Government of the Philippines.

Digest of the Bill for the Independent Government of the Philippines

The Philippines and the Monroe Doctrine, James Schouler, February 5, 1912.

Shuster on the Philippines, Winslow Warren, February 15, 1912.

The Old, Old Story Again, Boston Herald, March 9, 1912.

Disposition of the Friar Lands, Speech of Hon. Manuel L. Quezon, May 1, 1912.

Governor Forbes a Failure, Erving Winslow, May 8, 1912.

The Philippines for the Filipinos, Speech of Hon. Manuel L. Quezon, May 15, 1912.

The Filipino Protest, May 30, 1912.

Remarks of Hon. Manuel L. Quezon, on the Philippine Independence Bill, June 1, 1912.

Democracy's Danger, June 1, 1912.

Eyes of the World on the Philippines, George A. Dorsey, Ph. L.L. D., June 1, 1912.

Ensnaring the Philippines, Boston Common, June 29, 1912.

Intervention in Nicaragua, October 1, 1912.

High Finance and War, October 19, 1912.

Agricultural Finance, November 1, 1912.

Wilson's Triumph, El Ideal, November 6, 1912.

Taft An Appreciation, A Filipino, November 8, 1912.

Philippine Question, William S. Lyon, November 8, 1912.

Believes Wilson Means Business, Erving Winslow, November 17, 1912.

The Philippine Question, New York Evening Post, December 9, 1912.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

The publication of "The American Occupation of the Philippines," 1898-1912, by Judge Blount, is an incident of marked importance. As a serious and sincere statement from one who had occupied civil and military office under the United States Government, this publication has the value of State's evidence, and, although carefully avoiding personalities as far as possible the position taken by American officials, both in Washington and in the Philippines, is effectively betrayed. Judge Blount's book has been received with respect by prominent reviewers even where their conditions have limited their enthusiasm. The size and cost of the volume will of course prevent its receiving a very wide distribution, but no public or private library of importance can do without it, and it will furnish the arsenal for many of the weapons to be used in the coming campaign in Congress when the independence of the Philippines is to be contended for. It is interesting to note that Bishop Brent, who has been, like Judge Blount, a long resident and laborer in the Philippine Islands and who has hitherto clung to the theories of the administration, has recently said (though of course the

The same influences which perpetrated cruelties against the Filipinos in the past are prompting men today to hold these people in subjection in order that citizens of the United States may advance their private enterprises among them.

When the United States interfered in the revolt of the Philippine natives against their Spanish oppressors, our troops, I am ashamed to say, prevented the Filipinos from entering the city of Manila, under the pretext that they would commit depredations. Upon whom would they have committed depredations? Upon their own homes and their own wives and children? They were kept out of the city until hostilities broke out, started by our own troops. Then the Filipinos were declared to have begun the insurrection.

Of the civil officials of the Philippines a large percentage are natives and have been during our occupation of the Islands. The Chief Justice of the Islands is a native Filipino, and American and English Judges have recognized him as one of the great jurists.

We should have the gratitude of all those people, if we said to them: We will do you justice, and we will do it at once. We should have the friendliest commercial intercourse with the Islands, and we should have a Naval station there, just as we have in Cuba. Indeed, the people of the Philippines would be as loyal and as friendly to us as are the people of Cuba today.

If the Philippines are not promised independence within the next few months, the question is likely to be postponed indefinitely.

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REMARKS BY THE HON. MANUEL L. QUEZON.

The HON. MANUEL L. QUEZON said that he was not going to make an elaborate speech on this occasion; that the Anti-Imperialist League as well as the American people knew his views on the subject of Philippine independence, which are the views of the Filipino people of today, and that he would leave to Mr. Kalaw, a young Filipino, educated and reared under American sovereignty, to say what he and his generation, the Filipinos of tomorrow, feel and think about American rule.

"But," Mr. Quezon continued, "before giving the floor to Mr. Kalaw, I feel like saying something touching President Taft's message to Congress of the 6th of December last, dealing with the Philippine question. I shall not go into details at this time in discussing this part of the presidential message, for I hope to do this at some future date on the floor of the