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From present indications congress will soon frame measures that will make it very unpleasant for anarchists to play anything but a thinking part in this country.

The Message.

THE president's message is not a surprising document. It contains no radical suggestions. Neither does it go into details of the ways and means whereby his recommendations may be enacted into statutes.

Gems from the Message.

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men's important and fundamental conceptions.

First—The constitution does not follow the flag and it is planted on new territory by special act of congress.

Second—The extension of the sovereignty of the United States to new territory carries with it all the constitutional guarantees of the enjoyment of liberty, the right to property and the protection of the United States to the people thus affected in securing justice, and maintaining public order and promoting peaceful progress.

Third—The islands acquired from Spain by the treaty of Paris are "property of the United States" in the strict sense in which that term is used in the constitution, and, this being the case, congress can dispose of those islands in any way which it may see fit to be conducive to the highest interests of the people of the United States and of those islands.

Congress, therefore, can enact such tariffs on articles coming into the mainland from the Philippines as it deems wise and it can make such other disposition of Philippine affairs as in its judgment seems best for the Filipinos and for the inhabitants of the American mainland. That was the great point the administration sought to establish. All others are relatively unimportant.

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we have the cruelty, credulity, superstition and volatility of the Spaniard intermingled with the pitiless ferocity of the Indian, separated to the last moment and racial characteristics of the primitive negro.

It is small wonder, then, that the republican institutions under which they are governed in a way opens the road to the dictator who can assert by fair means or foul his supremacy at a given moment. Revolution under such a strange congeries of social and political forces superinduced chronic revolution. It could not be otherwise, and will not be until industrial and educational development brings ballast to government and gives stability to the executive in the execution of the laws.

Are there any indications that such a revolution is in progress? There are. The hand of progress has touched the South American republics and is gradually transforming them in a manner that would not have been thought possible twenty years ago. The upstart dictator is less an instrumentality of mischief than he was. Trade and immigration have circumscribed his initiative. In the northern republics of Colombia, Venezuela, Guiana and Ecuador, the construction of the Nicaragua canal will probably eliminate his evil influence altogether. The southwestern and southeastern republics are living on fairly amiable terms, and seem to be largely free from internal troubles. There may be outbreaks at any time, but the general trend is unmistakably toward peace.

The United States has no intention of taking the republics under her tutelage. Nevertheless the Monroe doctrine imposes upon us obligations which are correlative to the exclusion of European domination south of the Isthmus of Panama. We cannot permit anarchy to become an intermittent system in any one of the republics either through internal revolution or conquest. Unconsciously we are not merely assuming but are driven to take that stand. We are the predominant partner on the American continent, and that imposes upon us the responsibility.

Mr. Lodge, the alleged Washington miscreant, is it said, is sure of victory. Enough has been already shown at the trial, however, to entitle the woman to some sort of a sentence on general principles.

There is some difference of opinion as to whether or not Aguinaldo is a traitor. The fact that he is a Malay, however, places the balance of circumstantial evidence against him.

Reports from Charleston demonstrate that it is possible to promote quite a respectable show without the aid of Niagara Falls.

The number of bills already introduced in congress shows that American statesmanship has not gone to sleep.

The opening of the Fifty-seventh congress appears to have been marked by a wealth of business and bills.

One of the first acts of congress should be a measure calculated to relieve Manila of the Mexican dollar.

The Policy of Prosperity.

Editor of the Tribune:

Send Eubank's note and the thing which he said at Indianapolis on November 17, '01. Mr. McKinley was a great man, but I do not think it is his duty to be a success in a nation whose congress is so corrupt and whose people are so ignorant.

Our country today stands exactly as it stood in 1861. We have no more progress than we had then. We have no more industry than we had then. We have no more commerce than we had then. We have no more science than we had then. We have no more art than we had then. We have no more literature than we had then. We have no more music than we had then. We have no more painting than we had then. We have no more architecture than we had then. We have no more engineering than we had then. We have no more medicine than we had then. We have no more law than we had then. We have no more religion than we had then. We have no more philosophy than we had then. We have no more history than we had then. We have no more geography than we had then. We have no more astronomy than we had then. We have no more mathematics than we had then. We have no more physics than we had then. We have no more chemistry than we had then. We have no more biology than we had then. We have no more geology than we had then. We have no more anthropology than we had then. We have no more sociology than we had then. We have no more psychology than we had then. We have no more linguistics than we had then. We have no more philology than we had then. We have no more paleontology than we had then. We have no more archaeology than we had then. We have no more numismatics than we had then. We have no more epigraphy than we had then. We have no more papyrology than we had then. We have no more sigillography than we had then. We have no more palaeogeography than we had then. We have no more palaeoethnology than we had then. We have no more palaeobotany than we had then. We have no more palaeozoology than we had then. We have no more palaeontology than we had then.