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**CORPSE OF ANTI-IMPERIALISM TWICE
PUT UNDERGROUND.**

The venerable gentlemen who advocate hauling down our flag in the Philippines have outlived their political usefulness.

The Chicago Tribune in an editorial commenting on the recent campaign says:

Looking back upon the campaign in a dispassionate spirit, does it not strike the reflective and philosophical student as amazing that any "sane and safe" party should propose to the bounding manhood of this country the abandonment of one of its best possessions? When we come to think—in the calm, melancholy days of late November—of this issue so cruelly resurrected from the grave where it was put in 1900 and propelled into the forum of debate, insufficiently clad for public exposure, we are inclined to drop a silent tear over the follies of mankind. What political leaders have an atom of sense or experience can believe now that the Democracy had any chance to win on an issue of this kind?

The cry of "anti-imperialism" was raised by a number of venerable gentlemen who have outlived their political usefulness. The apostles of discontent on the Philippine question were Carl Schurz, George S. Boutwell, George F. Edmunds and General Nelson A. Miles. The average man, and especially the average boy in the street, would have thought twice a short time ago if he had been asked whether some of these gentlemen were alive or dead and might even now reflect with discontent upon the fact that one or more of them are certainly known to be alive since the campaign brought their existence to light.

In a sense, all these gentlemen, and many more like them, who became "strenuous" over the Philippine issue are on the retired list. The American people have never yet been governed by their retired list. They never will be while they remain vigorous, progressive, self-confident, alert and virile. Take the case of General Miles, for example. The young men of the country who know anything about him know that he was a brave soldier in the civil war and a very paladin of offense during the Indian wars that succeeded it. As a counselor they know nothing good of him. He is not sagacious when he leaves the tented field. His statesmanship is mediocre, his temper bad, his vanity boundless and his conceit uncontrollable. Who would think of asking General Miles in these days for an opinion on any public question? Even in matters relating to the army his judgment is so warped by political feeling and utterances so tainted by malevolence that they no longer have any weight.

Mr. Boutwell is a crabbed, egotistic, self-centered octogenarian whom no man would think of consulting on any question of business or affairs. Messrs. Edmunds and Schurz decidedly are on the shelf, and so are most of the other gentlemen who have united with them in the Philippine clamor.

The Tribune does not care to indulge in self-laudation nor to iterate the wearisome shibboleth, "I told you so," but it is not true that the bounding youth of the country repudiated, as the Tribune said it would do, with scorn and indignation the suggestion that we should let the Philippines go? The issue was no more popular than that of 1800, when Horace Greeley cried out, "Let the erring sisters go in peace." The young men of the country simply would not have it. They were determined that no palsied hand should haul down the American flag in the Philippines or any other place where it was properly flying.

Why, the story of the Hawaiian Islands should have been enough. "Paramount Ascendancy" Blount, under the direction of Grover Cleveland, took down the flag in those islands, and the country knew him no more, and there was no stop to public agitation until they became permanently a part of the United States.

So will it always be in matters of this kind. The little Englanders who wished to have Great Britain abandon South Africa have put the Liberal party out of power most of the time for a generation, and it will be kept out of power as long as peace at any price statesmen control its policy.

The corps of "anti-imperialism" has been put under ground twice. Twice should be enough, but if the insane and unsafe Democracy wishes to raise the issue in 1908 the party of progress will again cheerfully meet it with bloody hands and welcome it for the third time to a hospitable grave.

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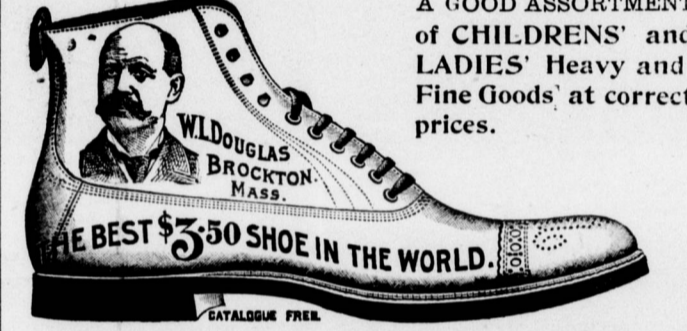
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