

the lowest and worst Negroes be inferior to such cowardly brutes as those Joplin whites?

The proposed child labor law of Illinois is bringing out opposition which reflects no credit upon the white man's civilization of our time and country. If native Africans or Asiatics were to sacrifice their children with half the barbarity that characterizes the sacrifice of white children in modern factories, Destiny would forthwith give orders to Duty, and these inferior people would be summarily annexed and given drastic lessons in civilization.

Those confiding creatures who suppose that all is well in the Philippines because President Roosevelt and Secretary Root refuse to divulge the facts, ought to subscribe for City and State, of Philadelphia, and read it conscientiously. City and State is edited by Herbert Welsh, son of a former American minister to Great Britain (Republican) and himself a highly respected citizen of Philadelphia who has won national fame of an enviable kind for his services in behalf of the American Indian. He has devoted himself in recent years to the work of cleansing the American name of its smirch of imperialism and rescuing the American army from the dishonor in which some of its officers have involved it.

If all is really well in the Philippines why does the administration suppress Gen. Miles's report? Is it because the report confirms the following horrible story which the Philadelphia Ledger tells, upon the authority of the New York Evening Post:

Captain Howze set up in the public plaza of Laoag a perfected form of the bastinado. Prisoners who refused to confess what was expected of them were stripped, laid on benches, and beaten with rattan rods in the hands usually of six torturers. The flesh of victims was frightfully gashed, and insensibility frequently produced. The scenes, with the pavements covered with blood and scraps of skin and flesh torn from the bleeding wretches, is described by

the soldiers who were forced to witness them as horrible in the extreme. One victim, who had been a captain in the native revolutionary army, when the blows had ceased begged to be shot, and, though this mercy was not granted him, died during the night following the whipping. On one day as many as 20 men of Laoag could be seen lying, half-flayed, bruised, bleeding, and unable to move, stretched out on the benches on which they had been beaten. Among other victims were Jose Ver, mayor of San Miguel, and Juan Avila, mayor of San Nicholas, nearby towns. These men were twice beaten; three days after the second torture both were dead. The story of these murders, as revealed in their brutal particulars by the investigation ordered by the general of the army, and fully told by a special correspondent of the New York Evening Post, reads like an account of the performances of savages, and constitutes one more inexpressibly shameful blot upon the history of our operations in the east.

If all is well in the Philippines, why does the administration make no other response to this tale of horror and shame than that silence is necessary to protect the honor of the army?

Bad as is that story about Capt. Howze, it is no worse except in its wholesale character than scores of others, also well authenticated. Read the one embodied in this piercing question which City and State puts to Gov. Taft, and which not to answer is to stand condemned:

Did you ever hear of the Filipino woman tortured under orders from an American army officer at Cabatuan, Panay, in June, 1900—the poor native woman who was stripped of clothing, and with a rope attached to her ankles was lowered, head downward, into a deep well and so tortured until, half dead with fright and drowning, she gave so-called evidence on which four men were hanged; the presidente of Cabatuan, the vice presidente, the chief of police, and the sergeant of police? Four human souls, so the story runs, were sent by an ignominious death out of life. For what crime? Because they knew the fact that the husband of this woman had killed a United States soldier and had not informed on the slayer. Because as the story further runs, the native's wife had entered into criminal relations with this member of an invading subjugating army. These four members of the conquered people were hanged because they hid that fact! And

hanged on tortured testimony of a woman!

Before President Roosevelt "took to the woods" he urged the importance of having a larger navy,—not to make war with, of course not; but to be ready for war when it comes. His favorite expression was "Speak softly and carry a big stick!" This is the utterance of a man always ready for a fight. He wants the nation to be ready to fight "at the drop of the hat." With a navy already too large he calls for an increase in size, forgetting that Satan always finds evil work for idle war ships to do! He would imitate the bad points of monarchical governments and none of the good. The man in individual life who lives the nearest to Mr. Roosevelt's model, is the footpad. He "speaks softly and carries a club." What is the nation to come to with such precepts from the man in highest office? An educated man, too; supposed to be a gentleman; reported to be a Christian!

Judge Wm. J. Gaynor, of New York, who severely criticized arbitrary and lawless police methods in the North American Review last Fall, has now made a judicial decision on the same subject, which is of unusual interest and exceptional value. He holds that the police have no right to invade any house without a warrant, and that even suspicion of gambling or other misdemeanors within, though harbored by a policeman, will not justify the act. Judge Gaynor's decision was made in a prosecution of three members of the police force whom he has committed to jail to await the action of the grand jury. His official opinion explains the case, and it is refreshing reading when the abuses of authority by policemen all over the country are considered:

It is difficult to conceive how any one so ignorant as to suppose that the police have the right to do what these defendants are charged with could ever be made a captain of police in any community of enlightened American citizens. It does not seem to be explainable at all, except on