

# CONGRESSMEN FAVOR FILIPINO INDEPENDENCE



Washington.—The appointed hour is here: let the Philippines be free. This was the keynote of a speech by Congressman Edward J. King of Illinois, (Republican) in which he reviewed the American occupation of the islands from the first day to the present time. He declared that the United States was honor bound to grant independence without further delay.

Congressman King is one of an increasing number of Republicans in the House who are urging quick action on Philippine independence. Mr. King is the author of a bill which provides that within one year the Philippine government, under presidential proclamation, may assemble a convention and frame a constitution.

After the constitution is ratified by the Filipino people the President may recognize the Philippine islands as "a separate and self-governing nation." The transfer of authority is to be completed within one year. Provision is made for safeguarding American investments in the Philippines and for the providing of coaling stations and submarine bases in the islands by the United States.

Word from the Philippines is that the people expect early independence and will be sorely disappointed if they do not get it.

"No nation has the right," said Congressman King "to hold another people in peonage, even though it may be argued by the professoriate that the condition is simply one of tutelage."

"A little more observance of the golden rule in national and international affairs would soon dispel that desire for exploitation, the fiercest foe of freedom in the world today."

"When we went to the Philippines we declared before the whole world that we were not actuated by any selfish desire of conquest or territorial aggrandizement, but solely by humanitarian impulses."

Congressman King called attention to the fact that Filipinos are now raising funds to erect a monument to Admiral Dewey, which he said was in direct tribute to the American people as well as to Dewey. He recalled the cable that Dewey had sent to President McKinley, which was as follows:

"In my opinion these people (Filipinos) are superior in intelligence and more capable of self government than the natives of Cuba, and I am familiar with both."

Congressman King then recited the preamble to the Jones law, passed August 29, 1916, and declared it was a definite pledge of independence. The preamble stated "It is as it has always been the purpose of the people of the United States to withdraw their sovereignty over the Philippine Islands and to recognize their independence as soon as a stable government can be established therein."

Congressman King stated there was no question but that the Filipinos had established the specified stable government and, therefore, it is the solemn duty of the United States to grant the promised independence.

## ASKS INDEPENDENCE FOR PHILIPPINES



Manila.—Francis Burton Harrison, former governor general of the Philippine Islands, offered to tender his resignation eight or ten months ago upon condition that the Secretary of War recommend to President Wilson that a Filipino be appointed his successor. He made the offer while in Washington in 1919.

Discussing Philippine independence, the governor general said:

"I can see in the future a very beautiful vision. When the flag of the Philippine republic shall be hoisted, when the Stars and Stripes will come floating down to the strains of 'The Star Spangled Banner'—that flag, Old Glory, so rich in happy and honorable achievements, will be made doubly dear because it will mean that the United States will have kept its word to the people of the Philippine Islands."

School of Journalism in Philippines

Manila.—A school of Journalism, the first in the Far East, has been established at the University of the Philippines, in Manila.

Admission to the School of Journalism is limited to third and fourth year students who have shown marked ability in the use of English. The course is open to both men and women. A class of about 50 registered students is opening the journalistic

### WITH THE WITS

**Better Adjectives.**  
"I heard the speech last night was extempore." "It was nothing of the kind. It was rotten."

**Nonunion.**  
"Is he a union man?"  
"I don't think he is a marrying man."

**It Does Not.**  
"Your new steing is a beauty. Can she spell?"  
"Does it matter?"

**A Prize!**  
"Where did you win your wife?"  
"At a bridge tournament."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**His Object.**  
"Friend—your characters seem to be continually smoking." Author—"That's to give atmosphere."

**Possible Reason.**  
"Why do people speak of horse sense with such enthusiasm?" "Automobiles haven't any of it."

**Inside Work.**  
Artist—"Madam, it is not faces alone that I paint; it is souls." Madam—"Oh! You do interiors, then?"

**Question.**  
"Our hotel accommodates 400."  
"And how many do you crowd in?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**His Choice.**  
"I want a chauffeur."  
"What kind?"  
"Give me one that can spell."

**The Modern Accountant.**  
Stella—"What is her husband worth?"  
Beila—"Well, I don't know his replacement value."

**A Neglected Cause.**  
The Mother—"I wish they would take up a collection of coats for starving moths."—New York Herald.

**Describing the Scenery.**  
"He's making a mountain out of a molehill." "I see. Getting up a summer prospectus?"

**Why, of Course.**  
"What is a revenue cutter, pa?"  
"A revenue cutter is a coupon clipper, my son."

**Early Fiscal Reform.**  
Jonah was thrown overboard.  
"We are getting rid of an excess prophet jax," they explained.

**Indeed, Yes, Grand!**  
He—"If I should kiss you, would it be petty larceny?"  
She—"No, it would be grand!"

**Several Ways.**  
Knicker—"What do you think of a sales tax?"  
Bocker—"Fine, we've all of us been sold."

**Some Noise.**  
"What was the idea of all that racking and banging in the bathroom?" "I dropped the crash towel."

**To the Rest of Us.**  
"What's a self-made man, pa?"  
"Usually a bore when he starts telling about it."—Connell Widow.

**These Watery Times.**  
Knicker—"A ship is a triumph of architecture."  
Bocker—"Yes, it consists mainly of water."

**Or Something Equivalent.**  
"Would you marry a girl with an impediment in her speech?" "Not if it prevented her from saying 'Yes!'"

**His Fix.**  
"He hasn't a dog or a golf outfit, or a car." "No, all he has is a bank account."

**Excellent Reason.**  
"Have you any reasons for doubting what I say?" "I have." "What is it?" "I don't believe you."

**The Lyceum Circuit.**  
"Think I'll sign up one of those art balloons."  
"For a night or a lecture?"

**Getting a Start.**  
"Your wife is on the phone."  
"Keep her there, John, and I'll start for home immediately."

**One Hole and Then Another.**  
Film—"Life must be an awful bore to Bill." Flam—"Why?" Film—"He's an oil well digger."

**Quantity vs. Quality.**  
"Has old Scotland much of a family?" "Numerous—but not much."—Boston Transcript.

**Near Bait.**  
Knicker—"Does Smith still enjoy fishing?"  
Bocker—"Yes; he has built a pond in his cellar."

**In Terms of Taxation.**  
First Taxpayer—"I hear you have an addition in your family." Second Taxpayer—"Yes, both exemptions are doing well."

**Take Care Marked "Thrift."**  
"Pa; how do we get to Easy Street?" "You come to it after fifty years' travel down Hard Work avenue, my son."—Boston Transcript.

**Roof Protection.**  
Knicker—"Did Smith put up a rod for the lightning?" Bocker—"Yes, and he put up a telephone for the thunder."

### PINK ROSES

By ALICE LIBBY.  
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"It'll be an hour's job, I'm afraid, sir." The chauffeur looked up from the machine. "Shall I call a taxi for you?"

"Well—no, Henry. I'll walk, for a change. It's not far to the club."

So Burke walked up the narrow street, and he was observing things in his usual leisurely fashion.

"Love, what beautiful roses for a street stand."

"Flowers, sir, nice fresh roses, sir?" questioned the wizened man at the stand.

"Yes," said Burke, who always obeyed his impulses. "I'll take all those pink roses."

He had hardly spoken when, crash! a fruit cart knocked over one side of the stand, crushing many of the flowers. With many oaths from both parties concerned, the affair was finally settled, and the old man was arranging Burke's roses when a girl rushed up.

"Oh, sir, these flowers, the crushed ones. Can I have 'em? They're no good to you. Can I have 'em, sir?" Her voice was tragically pleading.

"Just those little few. Oh, sir, can I?"

"Go long pick 'em up, then be off with yer," from the old man.

Burke, watched her indifferently. She was slim and dark, and might have been pretty, if properly dressed. Then something in her tragic earnestness moved him—but the old man was holding out the flowers, so Burke took them and went up the street.

"Queer," he thought. "What could she have wanted with crushed flowers? How eagerly she picked them up. I could have given her picked ones, or given her mine, I suppose, but why bother with beggars?"

His roses were for Judith, of course. Suddenly he wondered how she would receive them. Would she have the joy of the street girl? Burke grew curious. When he reached the club he called his favorite messenger boy.

"Jim, take these flowers and note to this address, and deliver them to the lady herself. Wait until she opens them and answers the note. Tell me everything she says and does when she receives them."

An hour passed, but at last Jim returned.

"I delivered 'em, just as you said, and she said—"he stopped.

"Yes, what did she say?"

"She said 'How stupid of Burke not to have sent orchids, when he knows of my new gown.'"

Burke laughed. How stupid of him! And the other girl had begged for crushed ones. What a fool he had been not to give his to her. At least they would have been appreciated. Judith was never satisfied. But why think about such a trivial incident?

Burke picked up a magazine and started to read, but the fragile face of the street girl came before the printed page. He lighted a cigarette and strode to the window but he could hear her voice still pleading.

"She actually humps me. I'm all kinds of a fool, but why did she want them? For my own peace of mind, I'll go back to that stand."

"She's just gone again. She took them off, and I told her if she'd come back I'd give her some that wasn't fresh—the old man told him."

"Wanted 'em for a deal, eh?"

"Here, I'll take these," Burke took a bunch of roses and put a bill in the old man's hand and hastened after the retreating figure of the girl.

"Pardon me, but I heard you asking for some crushed flowers, would you take these instead? They are of no use to me."

The girl turned. Then—"They're beautiful! Do you mean it? Shall I take 'em?" Then—"Yes, I will they're for my little Bob."

"Your little Bob?" Burke echoed.

"Yes, my little brother two years old, he's all I had. And he's dead. Drowned in our cellar. I found him myself. The man who owns it is rich and don't care how we live. I could kid him." She almost screamed.

Burke drew back in horror. Drowned in a cellar. How ghastly. Could any man so neglect his property? "Terrible! Take this money and have it fixed. I'll give you a larger amount when I go to my bank." Burke was employing his only means of sympathy.

"Money! It's too late for that. It won't bring little Bob back. It'll only buy his coffin. But I'll take it, sir—for the other folks. And thank you for being so kind!"

His money was half refused? Burke was surprised.

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