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President McKinley has had nearly three months to prepare his letter accepting the nomination conferred upon him by the Republican National Convention. After great labor he has completed the document, which is printed in the *Sun* today. The letter is not an inspiring one, and it may be doubted whether it will dispel the apathy in the Republican ranks which Chairman Hanna so often deplores.

Mr. McKinley is evidently anxious to make silver the leading issue of the campaign, "while regretting the reopening of the the question." "Our antagonists," he says, "compel us to a second battle on the same lines on which the first was fought and won." Mr. McKinley apparently does not recognize the fact that conditions have entirely changed since the first battle was fought; that his administration has made an issue of far greater importance than the currency the paramount issue. The evils which he predicts as a result of Republican defeat are based upon the hypothesis that the Democrats will control the legislative as well as the executive branch of the goverment. This is a remote possibility. On the other hand the country is already experiencing the evils of the imperialist policy inaugurated by this administration—a policy which may undermine the whole structure of our government and lead to consequences far more serious than a temporary disturbance of our monetary system.

Mr. McKinley makes an elaborate but not a convincing argument to show that the conditions which have resulted from his policy in the Philippines were unavoidable. He attempts to prove that the Filipinos were absolutely in the wrong; that he adopted a humane and conciliatory policy, which they rejected, and that the responsibility for the war rests entirely upon the natives. Mr. McKinley cannot expect the American people to accept his statements upon this point without reserve. They are convinced that a different policy, and one which would have reflected the greatest credit upon this nation, would have established friendly relations between the Americans and the Filipinos and would have assured us every commercial advantage which we might have required in the Philippines. "Those who profess to distrust the liberal and honorable purposes of the Administration in its treatment of the Philippines," says Mr. McKinley, "are not justified. Imperialism has no place in its creed or conduct. Freedomis a rock upon which the Republican party was built and now rests."

If this were the case—if the Republican party were still the party of freedom, such men as Hon. Carl Schurz, ex-Gov. Boutwell, of Massachusetts, and others who assisted in the organization of the party would not have abandoned it and would not now be found among the opponents of McKinleyism. The fact is, despite the President's specious reasoning and fine words, that the country not only distrusts but fears his policy. The people have seen the Republican party set up the extraordinary doctrine that this Republic can maintain a colonial system and hold the inhabitants of the colonies as "subjects," entitled to none of the privileges of American citizenship and not protected by the Constitution. This may be Mr. McKinley's idea of freedom, but it is a monstrous doctrine for the president of a free republic to promulgate. Mr. McKinley has not strengthened his party's position by his letter of acceptance. He cannot convince the American people by such arguments as he arrays in this letter that the dangers of imperialism, as practiced by this Administration, are less serious than they appear to be.

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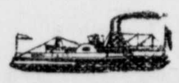

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