

NEED OF GREAT PLUCK

A Pivotal Point Has Been Reached in American Destiny.

SO THINKS SENATOR MORGAN.

Why He Has Arrived at This Conclusion at This Time.

THREE WEIGHTY QUESTIONS.

They Pertain to Behring Sea, Nicaragua and Hawaii.

PROMPT ACTION IS DEMANDED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—In honor of Senator Morgan, who sailed on the New York yesterday, a committee of well known merchants and others gathered upon the deck of the American liner to wish the senator God speed. Replying to an address made by the chairman of the committee, Mr. Morgan spoke in part as follows:

"It is singular that at this time there are grouped together three immense propositions relating to the Pacific ocean, the Behring sea arbitration, which also may be said to involve the whole north Pacific, the Nicaragua canal, in which I had the happiness to be identified, because I knew a good thing when I saw it, and then, coming upon us suddenly the Hawaiian proposition.

"The three together must convince all thinking men that there never was a moment in the history of this government, saving the period of our civil war, when so much wisdom, courage, manhood and intrepidity, foresight and determined American pluck were necessary as just now. We have come to a pivotal point in American destiny—a moment when we must go back or forward. We can not take middle ground.

"In thinking of the Pacific ocean and our duty in connection with it, I do not want to see repeated what was perpetrated upon us at the time we acquired our independence. Though France was at our back, we did not have the foresight to acquire all that belonging to us. We did not take New Foundland, the Bahamas, Bermuda, the Windward islands, Jamaica and all the territory known as Yucatan. Why should a people 35,000,000 hold against a people of 65,000,000 all these islands on which they have spent more than \$4 for every inch of ground? Well, we can not help it; they have the islands and they never give up anything that is good. I am not criticising them. I admire them. I wish Americans to be as much like them as possible—only more so.

"Great Britain has already planted herself in Australia and New Zealand and is now approaching the Sandwich islands—that Gibraltar of the Pacific. Only recently she raised her flag on one of these islands, and at the present time the Hawaiian government and our own are protesting against that oc-

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the present time the Hawaiian government and our own are protesting against that occupation.

"Let me ask you, when they get there and complete the chain, including Vancouver, Victoria, Hawaii, Hong Kong, New Zealand and Australia, will we not then see repeated in the Pacific that miserable, despicable policy which was perpetrated in the Atlantic, when there was nothing left but for us to put the eastern islands into the bill of sale—the treaty?

"With these three great questions confronting us—the Nicaraguan canal, Behring sea arbitration and Hawaii, the last ready to drop into our laps like a ripe pear—we have need of that spirit of manhood and energy and endurance which was so superbly developed when we were fighting one another, with 1,000,000 men in the field. Then we shall see the outcome of the power and spirit of a great people on a great occasion. Let us move to the front."