



Republic or Empire? (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from Republic or Empire? The treatment of the native inhabitants of our new islands, to which President McKinley required Spain to assent at Paris, is quite unlike the treatment of the native inhabitants stipulated in the treaties of cession concluded with France, Spain, Mexico and Russia. International law has many rules not quite consistent with ordinary reason, and one of them is that a treaty dictated under the stress of military menace shall be deemed a voluntary act, unless the menaced sovereign signing it is a captive prisoner, but were it not for the rule a war might never end till one party has been annihilated. A similar rule is that when war breaks out individuals are inseparable from the State, and, therefore, when Congress declared war against Spain, even every Alaskan became instantly an enemy of every Filipino, and personally bound by the result of the war; but the rule has been found useful, it is said, in preventing, or shortening wars. A similar rule is that a belligerent has a right to seize and...

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