

ABUSES AT MANILA

Iniquitous Concessions That Throttle Trade

PERPETUATED BY TREATY OF PARIS

Landing Privileges Held by an Unscrupulous Monopoly That is Accumulating a Fortune.

MANILA, P. I., April 20.—(Special correspondence.)—One of the unfortunate things in connection with the acquisition of the Philippines under the provisions of the Treaty of Paris is the clause which recognizes every concession granted by the Spanish Government to its favored citizens. These concessions, most of which are monopolies extending over a period of from 20 to 50 years, cover almost every profitable public franchise and many private affairs.

Perhaps the most flagrant and unjust is a concession now supposedly owned by a syndicate of English and Americans, the privilege of "arrastre and conduction," which is nothing more nor less than the unloading from cargo boats all dutiable wares and merchandise and then conducting by means of a tramway to the Government customs warehouses. The unloading plant consists of three steam cranes, located on the bank of the Pasig River, directly in front of the Custom House, and about 100 feet distant. Merchandise is lifted perhaps six feet and landed on the tramway cars, which are pushed by hand or handled by a diminutive locomotive a distance of from 200 to 500 feet. For this service the concessionaires receive 5 cents per 100 kilos, or about 30 cents per ton. The labor employed in this work is paid not to exceed 30 cents Mexican per day per man, so that in itself is extremely profitable.

Every ton of goods imported into the Philippines must pay this tax. The ownership of this concession throws into the hands of the syndicate practically all of the cargo boat service; that is from the ships to the shore, since there are no wharves except in the river, and ocean-going vessels drawing over nine feet cannot enter the river. As a consequence, all freight is discharged into lighters and towed into the river, a distance probably of two miles. For this service the concessionaires make a minimum charge of \$3.50 per ton. This same outfit have the bonded warehouse privilege, and although are enjoying a nice fat thing, and they have all upon the business, as their own cargo boats receive quick dispatch, while rival boats are unloaded at leisure. Inasmuch as cargo boats carrying 25 to 40 tons are worth from \$50 to \$100 per day, the delay makes it impossible for others to engage in the business at competitive rates. This concession was formerly the property of a Spaniard, but his good thing was soon discovered, he was frightened off the nest. Many rumors are afloat in Manila as to who is the actual owner of the property, and some guesses have been made which strike in high places. This little tramway, with its handful of cars and engine, and its one quarry mile of track, is probably the best paying rail property in the world in proportion to its size.

A concession recently created is a baggage transfer company, and all baggage from steamers must be handled by this company. The brewery in Manila also claims and advertises "an exclusive privilege" for a term of years. A Chinaman possesses the sole privilege to import opium. A German has the sole right to manufacture matches.

The telephone company and the street-car company are well fortified, and their service is so wretched that no American comparison would give the reader any idea of the real situation. The cable company possesses the sole right to lay cables on the islands for a period of 40 years, and even disputes the Government's right to connect the islands with cables for military service. A very curious incident in this connection was the destruction of the cable ship Hooker, which was run ashore in broad daylight just as she was leaving the harbor to commence work. The Hooker was in command of a civilian captain, and his course was inexcusable from any standpoint of marine error.

It was also the custom of the Spaniards to sell the privilege of collecting certain taxes, a practice which has been continued to some extent by the Americans. Some months ago, an enterprising American concern engaged in importing ground meat from Australia, and fitted up several meat markets, stocked them with meat and commenced business. A very courtly Spaniard walked into the establishment one day and informed them that as he held the concession for collecting taxes on all meat sold, he should like to arrange for a weekly accounting. The tax was a mere trifle of 4 cents a pound. It is needless to say that the business was off, and the markets closed the next day.

Talk about American trusts! Manila is tied up and will be until we bounce the whole outfit of concessions that are nearly equivalent for the monopolies which they control. Bribery and official rascality are responsible for most of them. So, also, are many of the possessions of the customs tariff. Prohibitive duties are fixed to protect these manufacturing monopolies, and we are bravely enforcing them. The brewery has a protection to the extent of \$30 Mexican, per barrel, and a glass of American beer sells for 20 cents Mexican, while the local beer retails at one-half this amount. The monastic orders have had a monopoly on marriages, births and deaths for centuries, and Spanish law does not recognize a ceremony performed by other than a friar or a Catholic priest, and American officials sustained them until quite recently. Now, however, it is possible to be born and married without plunging up to the church, but the coffin tax of \$5.00 is still in vogue, and your friends must pay for a burial place or you go to the bone pile. This coffin tax doesn't pay for the coffin or the ceremony. Bless your soul, no. It only gives you the right to wear one.

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COUNCIL NOT WITH THE GOVERNMENT, AND LIVELY TIMES ARE PROMISED—USUAL ELECTION SCENES.

PARIS, May 12.—The second ballot in the municipal elections in Paris yesterday, in the districts left without definite results on May 6, have given the Nationalists 20 out of 30 seats. This result fully justifies them in claiming a great local victory, inasmuch as 11 out of the 20 seats are direct gains from the Ministerial Democrats.

With the districts they carried on May 6, the Nationalists will now control 25 new members in the new Municipal Council. This gives them a sweeping majority, for, with Royalists, Conservatives and disgruntled Republicans, they can count on 45 votes in a body consisting of 80.

That the Waldeck-Rousseau Cabinet has suffered a severe rebuke in Paris, and the outcome is sure to be exceedingly interesting. The Paris Municipal Council has always been a truculent body, but with the council pulling one way and the

government another, stirring times are probably in store for Parisians. Throughout the day great animation prevailed in the restaurants, where the polling took place. Intense excitement prevailed during the evening on Boulevard Montmartre, where a crowd of 1000 collected in front of the Bureau of the Nationalist and anti-Jewish organ, La Libre Parole, to learn the results. They were shown on an illuminated transparency.

Before the announcement of results, portraits of Paul de Roulede and anti-Nationalists were thrown on the screen. The portrait of De Roulede was greeted with frantic cheering, but the others brought forth loud howling and hissing. Finally the proceedings became so uproarious that strong detachments of police were compelled to clear the neighborhood, and the adjacent streets were cordoned. This measure led to several conflicts between the crowd and the police, but there were no serious disorders.

At a late hour Nationalist youths paraded the streets cheering and shouting "Vive De Roulede," "Vive l'Armee" and "Vive les Juifs."

Eighteen arrests were made on the boulevards. In the provinces calm was maintained except at Marseilles, where bands of anarchists paraded the town and broke into the printing office of the Soleil du Midi. Free fights took place at many points in Marseilles, and revolvers were fired.

A cry of joy goes up this (Monday) morning from the Nationalist and anti-Semite press at the results. Francois Coppee, one of the leaders of the League of the French Parliament, says, in the Gaulois: "The work of purification which the league has so powerfully contributed to begin, and we shall continue to do so, is the most admirable work. Now it only remains to purify the Palais Bourbon (Chamber of Deputies)."

"The Plague is preferable to a combination with a very strong Nationalist minority seeking every means to envenomate affairs and to prolong a mess."

REDMOND AND DILLON JOIN HANDS

One Spot Where British Assaults Would Not Be Opposed.

MANCHESTER, May 12.—John E. Redmond, sessional chairman of the United Irish Nationalist party, and John Dillon, ex-chairman of the dominant wing of the Irish Parliamentarians, appeared here today on the same platform at the Irish demonstration in Free Trade Hall. Mr. Redmond said the meeting celebrated the close of a disastrous chapter in Irish history. For the first time in a decade, he had the pleasure, he remarked, of standing upon the same platform with Mr. Dillon, whose presence proved the genuineness of the reunion.

"Much remains to be done," said the speaker. "The Irish Parliamentary party is determined to let the dead past bury its dead. At the very moment, after the triumph of the Queen in Ireland, when an opportunity presented itself to cement the feeling between the two countries, Lord Salisbury has misrepresented Irish claims with cynical and brutal frankness, offering an absolute non possumus to the demands of Ireland."

"His Lordship spoke of dangers ahead of the empire. If the forces he mentioned were to dash on Irish shores there is no spot where they would not be received as enemies or invaders."

"He advocated the formation of rifle clubs, but he will not permit Ireland to enlist volunteers or to bear arms. He would therefore, in an insult to Ireland, and so far as the rest of the empire is concerned, it is futile and absurd."

"Irishmen can now see more clearly than ever the work they have to undertake. This task is again to make it inconvenient and dangerous to withhold Irish rights. It is not by conciliation and loyalty that the grievances of Ireland will be remedied."

Mr. Dillon followed, referring to the pleasure he felt in meeting Mr. Redmond on common ground, and said that the real significance of the reunion would not be understood until after the general elections.

The meeting adopted with enthusiasm resolutions commending the party of reunion, pledging loyal support to the policy inaugurated by Parnell, and calling upon the Irish people to support the United Irish League.

The Plague in Australia.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., May 12.—The number of cases of bubonic plague officially reported to this date is 25. Of these, 13 have proved fatal.

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Outbreak in Manila Was Contemplated Recently—MacArthur's Change of Method.

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A paper found among the captured effects of General Pantoleon Garcia asserts that the United States Congress has done nothing for the Filipinos, and that, therefore, all Filipinos who are working for Americans must leave their employers immediately or suffer the penalty of treason. One report is that the Filipino junta is endeavoring to incite an outbreak in order to show the civil commission that the insurrection is still alive.

It does not seem probable that the peace proposals of General MacArthur, at one time a member of the so-called Filipino Government, has drawn up for submission to Aguinaldo and the other insurgent leaders, will have much weight with the Filipinos. MacArthur's reputation, gained in former wars, is that of a man who hurries to get on the winning side. He was in disfavour with the Filipinos even before the collapse of the government, and owing to a widespread suspicion of disloyalty to his colleagues.

Last week General MacArthur received a large number of officials, Consul officers and representatives of commercial bodies. To Lieutenant-Colonel Crowder, his military secretary, he will assign many duties heretofore devolving upon the Adjutant-General. This step is taken in view of the increasing importance of the post of Governor-General. MacArthur's policy appears to involve considerable decentralization. His step is taken in view of the increasing importance of the post of Governor-General. MacArthur's policy appears to involve considerable decentralization.

The towns of Hiongoos and Masini, Iloilo, have been occupied by troops of the Forty-third Volunteer Infantry. The insurgents opposed the landing of the Americans, and sustained heavy losses. The Americans had three casualties.

Willing to Compromise Bigamy Case

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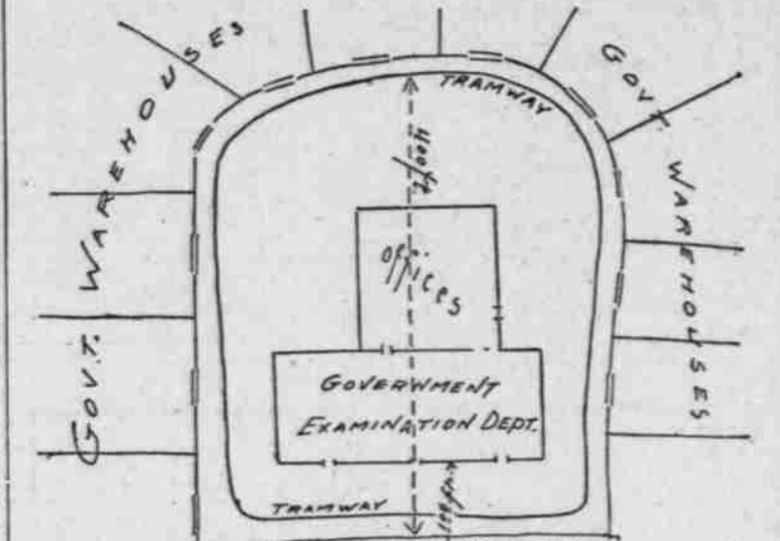
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