

## GOVERNMENT FOR ISLANDS

## TAFT AGAIN BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PHILIPPINES.

## Stated More Succinctly Than Herebefore What Congress Should Do—Qualified Suffrage First.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Governor Taft, in his testimony before the Senate committee on the Philippines today, stated more succinctly than he has heretofore done his theory—which he said is also the theory of the Philippine Commission—as to what Congress should do in the way of supplying the Philippine people with a form of government. His plan is first to give the people a qualified suffrage, with a gradual growth in popular government, which should be enlarged through education in the English language and in American institutions; second, to institute within a reasonably short time a local legislature to consist of two bodies, one to be chosen by vote and the other to be appointed; third, to permit the islands to send two or three representatives to Washington.

In reply to questions, Governor Taft said he agreed with General Funston that the establishment of a popular assembly would give opportunity for demands to stir up the people, but that he did not include in this designation all persons who are opposed to American control. There are, he said, many men in the islands who conscientiously oppose the domination of the United States. To grant independence would, he believed, have the effect of consigning the 90 per cent of uneducated people in the islands to the same servile position they held under Spanish rule. He thought there should be a declaration on the part of the United States of its intention to hold the islands indefinitely with the understanding that when they are suitable for such a condition they may be given a quasi-independence.

Such a pronouncement by this country would be welcomed by many, and would do much good. Many of the common people do not, he said, know the difference between independence and dependence, and many of the better informed have not followed the agitation for independence to its last analysis. Some of the agitators seem, he said, to have a petticoat government by the United States. If the government of the islands should now be turned over to the islanders themselves there would be nothing less than oligarchy, they having no idea of civil government.

Replying to Rawlins, Governor Taft advanced the idea that on account of the fact that the Philippine have for 30 years been under the influence of the Christian religion, they would prove to be different from other Malay races, and in time, under the influence of American education, the people might become capable of self-government. He did not consider the case as parallel with that presented in India. He thought all the difficulties of race and climate might be overcome, but he believed it would take time and require much patience in the matter of training on our part. He anticipated some trouble on account of undue or illegal exploitation of the islands and the people, but he would not, on account of this danger, turn the islands back to the fate of an oligarchy, so long as there is a probability of success, as there is in this case.

"I did not originally favor the acquisition of the Philippines, and was sorry at the time that we got them, but now that we are there, I see nothing more than to go on and carry out the plan that I have suggested. I may be a Mark Tapley in this matter," he continued, "but if I did not believe we can bring these people out, regardless of the fact that the fact we propose is to an extent unprecedented, I should resign immediately and come home."

Proceeding, he said his idea was to unite examples and actual practice in the American control of the islands, and he believed that the result must be the uplift of the people and the education of the people to a policy which would place them on a plane far above that which is at present occupied. Adjourned for the day.

## MINORITY CABLE REPORT.

## Why It Opposes Government Ownership of Pacific Line.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The minority report on the Pacific cable bill, filed today, dissents from the majority view that government should build the cable, and states that a private organization, the Commercial Cable Company, already has contracted to lay a cable to Hawaii by November 1 next, intending to extend the line to the Philippines within two years thereafter. The minority report adds:

"We believe the Government can obtain all the advantages of government ownership of the cable, and avoid the risks and disadvantages of government ownership by allowing a private corporation to lay and operate the cable. Moreover, we do not think the right for the government to build the cable after a private corporation has started to lay such a cable."

The report also sets forth that the private company will sell to the government an amount at an appraised value of the cable and it is urged this gives the government ample assurance that its interests will be protected. There is added to the minority report the contract which the cable company recently filed with the Attorney General by the Commercial Cable Company. This contract makes the report states, as a condition of the government lease to the Commercial Cable Company of an office in the General Postoffice building in Honolulu. The cable company binds itself to charge the public 50 cents a word between California and Honolulu for the first two years, with a reduction to 35 cents a word thereafter; to charge not exceeding \$1 a word between California and Manila or China; to accept such rates for Government messages as the Postmaster-General shall annually fix; to give priority to Government messages to the cable to the government at an appraised value if ever the government should desire to own the cable; to submit to government censorship whenever the government thinks such censorship necessary, and to carry out all requirements desired.

## Brave Woman Makes a Fortune.

TOLLEDO, O., Feb. 17.—Mrs. Charles Purdy has returned to Toledo from the Klondike with a fortune. During her four years' residence in the Klondike, besides keeping a boarding-house and a hotel, she bought and sold claims aggregating millions of dollars, and when she finally picked up stakes she came away with over \$100,000 in gold dust. Mrs. Purdy and her husband started West nearly 30 years ago. It is said that at Vancouver they disagreed about going farther, the husband returning to Tacoma, where he is now said to be a motorman for a street-car company. Mrs. Purdy went on to Alaska, and from all accounts prospered. Besides looking after her business interests, she ran a hospital, where hundreds of destitute miners were entered free of cost. One of her first lucky strikes was a third interest in a claim which she bought for a few hundred dollars, and when she sold out eight months later, her net profit was \$200,000. She still has large interests in the Klondike, and holds a partnership interest in a half-dozen well-paying mines.

## For More Rigid Divorce Laws.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Nine of the wealthiest and most influential citizens of Chicago have sent to the Senate, through Senator Cullum, a petition asking for uniform and more rigid divorce laws in all the states of the Union. The names signed to the petition are: A. A. Sprague, Mar-

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## DEFEATS SIGOURNEY IN THE BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

## Will Now Play Foss for the Championship of the American Athletic Union.

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snaps, there were ducks in plenty for all.

A dozen Spring snipe, in fine condition, were shot by one sportsman Sunday, and there will be more killed next Sunday.

The Multnomah Rod and Gun Club will open a season of bluecock shooting at Irvington soon. A shooting tournament is to be held here in June, and the boys want to practice for it.

A number of local sportsmen will also be off to Dayton, Wash., in a few days. There will be bluecock shooting matches there next Thursday and Friday, and on Saturday a rifle shooting match. The Dayton sportsmen have battled any team of three rifle shots on the Coast to shoot for from \$10 to \$100, and somebody will have to try conclusions with them.

Between the upland birds, the quail and the clay sippers, the sportsmen of this section can keep shooting every week in the year.

## RACES AT OAKLAND.

## Only One Favorite Came in Ahead—Track Was Very Heavy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—The track at Oakland today was very heavy, and holding and form were at a discount, only one favorite winning. The feature of the afternoon was the fourth race, in which Colonel Ballantine beat Siddons a head in a fierce drive. The 2-year-old event went to Gaviota, a clever filly by Imp. Creighton. Colonel Ballantine was again bid up by Harry Stover from \$20 to \$200, but James Wilson retained him. Results:

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## WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Interest in today's session of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association attached principally to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: President, Carrie Chapman Catt, of New York; honorary presidents, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, New York; Susan B. Anthony, Rochester, N. Y.; vice-presidents-at-large, Rev. Anna H. Shaw, of Philadelphia; corresponding secretary, Kate M. Gordon, of New York; recording secretary, Alice S. Blackwell, of Boston; treasurer, Harriet Taylor Upton, of Warren, O.; auditors, Laura Clay, of Lexington, Ky., and Mrs. Mary J. Coggeshall, of Des Moines, Ia. Except in the case of second auditor, Dr. Clara Smith Eaton declining a re-election, all the old officers were re-elected. While the ballots were being counted, ex-United States Senator H. W. Blair delivered a short address.

At the afternoon session, Mrs. Mariana W. Chapman, of New York, read a brief report on the work of the Friends' Equal Rights Association. Madame Sophia Friedland, of Russia, delivered an interesting address on "Women in Russia."

The remainder of the afternoon session was devoted to international reports from Spanish-American colonies. "Women in Venezuela" was the subject of a paper delivered by Mrs. Jose Rafael Bizar, of Caracas, and by Mrs. Carolina Huidobro, of Chile, spoke on "Women in South American Republics," with particular reference to Mexico, Chile, Argentina and Paraguay. Other speakers were Frederico Degetau, of Porto Rico, on "Women in Porto Rico"; Mrs. Harriet Potter Nourse, on "Women in the Philippines"; and Rev. Anna H. Shaw on "Impressions of a Traveler in the West Indies."

Manila secretly, or with the connivance of the Germans. But Admiral von Diederich, with the permission of Admiral Dewey, which was expressly asked for and cheerfully granted, publicly took General Augustin aboard the German cruiser Deutschland, which was carrying the mails to Hong Kong.

## To Prevent More Wrecks.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—As the result of the wrecking of two steamers on the rocks off Bear's Point, between Seattle and Port Orford, Senator Forster some time ago requested the Lighthouse Board to make an investigation, with a view to providing suitable aids to navigation. The board has acted on the Senator's request and proposes to take such action as seems warranted in the premises. Just as soon as the desired information is secured through the officers of the local board, action will be taken.

## New Church on Saloon Site.

MIDDLEBORO, Ky., Feb. 17.—Next week the American Association, Ltd., with headquarters at Middleboro, will begin the erection of a large church where the "Quarter-house" stood. Lee Turner, who owned the saloon and fortress and an acre of ground on which they were built, last week transferred his property to this association. The "Quarter-house" was burned Wednesday. Lee Turner has left the county and the feud is ended.

## Some Truth in the Report.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Chronicle believes there is some truth in the rumor that an Irish revolutionary committee has been started in Paris by an Irish-American who has just returned from South Africa for the purpose of aiding the Boer cause by a reign of dynamite and terror.

## Strike at Machine Works.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 17.—All the employees of the Singer Sewing Machine Works, numbering over 100, went on strike today. The strike was started by about 400 shapers quitting work because of the alleged exactions of a foreman brought here from New Jersey.

## Death Under Falling Coal Chute.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 17.—E. C. Taylor, engineer, was fatally injured, and three other employees were seriously hurt at Guernsey, Wyo., this evening, by the collapsing of the Burlington coal chutes while a heavy locomotive and loaded car were standing on the trestle.

## For Support of Reciprocity.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Senator Cullum, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, today presented to the Senate resolutions from the American Chamber of Commerce in Paris in support of a treaty of reciprocity between the United States and France.

## Ranchman Commits Suicide.

CASPER, Wyo., Feb. 17.—T. F. Achenbach, a prominent ranchman of Leo, committed suicide here by taking morphine. Achenbach was dependent.

## Champane Imports in 1901.

Of a total of 219,245 cases imported by over 20 brands, H. H. Mumm's Extra Dry aggregated 120,358 cases, nearly 50,000 more than any other brand. Particular attention is called to the quality of this champagne; it is very dry and resembles the famous 1898 vintage, being more delicate and bracing than the 1893. Immense reserves guarantee maintenance of quality.

## Sportsmen Only Get a Few-Season Closes March 1.

Sportsmen generally have given up duck-shooting for the season. Quite a number were out Sunday, but comparatively few ducks were shot, and they were in poor condition. Those which have spent the winter here left for the north a week ago, and a large flight has been arriving from the south. After resting here for a day or two the birds proceeded north. There is a large flight of geese coming in, and as they have been feeding on the grain fields in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys, they are in good condition. Some of the sportsmen have had a crack at these next Sunday, which is the last Sunday of the season. The season lasts from September 1 to March 1, and those who have been shooting every week during the time are entitled to a rest. The duck-shooting this season has been the best known for years. The famous 1898 vintage, being more delicate and bracing than the 1893. Immense reserves guarantee maintenance of quality, a science, and up to the time the cold

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## Deaths Returns.

February 13, Andrew McCormick, 24 years, St. Vincent's Hospital, pneumonia.

## Contagious Diseases.

A. Warner, 30; sixth street; diphtheria. Etta Harbo, 54; Fifth street; diphtheria. Joseph Kelly, 120 East Fifteenth street; scarlet fever.

Four smallpox patients have been received at the pesthouse within the past two days.

## Building Permits.

M. Johnson, two-story dwelling, Morris street, between Vancouver and Williams avenues; \$1200.

Evangelical Church, alteration to building on East Tenth street, between East Fifth and East Sixth.

Lon Lewis, three-story brick warehouse, southeast corner Fifth and Davis streets; \$20,000.

## Real Estate Transfers.

John Palmquist to Frank Gustafson, 22 1/2 acres, sec. 23, T. 1 S., R. 3 E., \$1800.

A. L. Fraser, adm., to H. F. Gersbach, lot 1, block 125, Caruthers' Add., \$1000.

Tabor, heirs to H. F. Gersbach and wife, lot 1, block 125, Caruthers' Add., \$1000.

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