

PHILIPPINES BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Democrats Aided by Six Republicans, Final Vote Being 52 to 24.

NAVAL BASES PROVIDED

Right of Suffrage of Islanders Is Extended to All Who Can Read and Write—Intoxicants, Except Native Ones, Barred.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The Philippines bill, which would extend to islands a greater degree of self-government and authorize the President to grant them absolute independence within four years, passed the Senate tonight, 52 to 24.

Various Democratic Senators, led by Chairman Stone, of the foreign relations committee, tried unsuccessfully to secure amendment of the independence clause, but in the end the Democrats, joined by six Republicans, voted solidly for the measure. It is understood the bill will go to the House with the backing of President Wilson and will be passed for early passage.

Clark Amendment Stands. The Republican Senators who voted for the bill were Borah, Chase, Kenyon, La Follette, Norris and Weeks. By a bare majority the Clark amendment, adopted several days ago, which contains the independence provision and also gives the President authority to extend the independence of the islands at the end of four years if he should find conditions in the islands unfavorable. The time would be extended, however, until an incoming Congress would consider the subject.

Senator Stone declared the bill was in reality not an independence measure because of the extension provision, and offered an amendment to eliminate it, but this proposal was voted down, 49 to 17.

Condition Is Rejected. Senator Hitchcock, chairman of the Philippine committee, sought to amend the bill by extending independence within four years on condition that the people and Legislature of the Philippines declare a constitution. This was rejected, 52 to 23.

Senator Morris, in opposing a provision in the bill empowering the President to retain naval bases in the Philippines, declared President Wilson had been converted from a man of peace to a militarist.

"The President," said Senator Norris, "has just announced a program of preparedness contrary to views he held a year ago, and in the last few days he has changed his mind and now he says he is in favor of the United States having the largest Navy in the world. If that is his idea he will want to retain not only our, but a dozen naval stations in the Philippines."

Michigan Senator Opposes Bill. Senator William Alden Smith scolded the Democrats for their determination to give to the Philippines and declare American people did not wish to see the American flag over the islands heeded down.

"This action is an unjustifiable surrender of American rights," he said. "If these islands become anarchistic and the people get to warring among themselves you will be blamed for it, as you ought to be. If your countries go to war when you are at peace, it is your fault. If you are at peace and your neighbors are at war, it is your fault. If you are at peace and your neighbors are at war, it is your fault."

Senator Stone, replying, characterized Senator Smith's remarks as "a veritable, scattering, dreary, insane partisan harangue."

Naval Bases Authorized. As passed, the bill confers a provision authorizing the President, when independence is granted, to negotiate treaties needed to adjust all property rights of citizens of the United States and other countries in the islands and to acquire such naval bases and coaling stations within that territory as he deems necessary.

The upper house of the Philippine Legislature would be enlarged to 24 members, 12 chosen by the voters and two appointed by the Governor-General to represent the non-Christian tribes. The lower house would be increased from 21 to 26, the people choosing 21 and the Governor naming five.

No restrictions are imposed on the Legislature's power to levy export duties except that they cannot be levied on exports to the United States. A limit of \$17,500,000 is placed on the public indebtedness.

Suffrage Rights Increased. The bill would increase the right of suffrage over the present law, which is approximately 100,000 by extending it to any citizen able to read and write a native language. Polygamous marriages and the importation or manufacture of intoxicating drinks or drugs, except the native beverages, would be forever prohibited.

The law would be passed that would permit religious discrimination, slavery or the creation of a nobility.

CRISIS TURNS ON WORD

down in the first Louisiana note, that the Imperial system will be given the vote of which the Government of the United States complains, as well as make provision for the loss of lives. In fact, the State Department has expressly sought to avoid limiting its demands on the German government to the loss of American life on the Louisiana. It has insisted that "these conditions are irrelevant to the question of the equality of the methods used by the German naval authorities in sinking the vessels which were broken in 1915, according to the Louisiana note dated June 9.

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