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FILIPINOS ASK FOR STATEHOOD

Federal Party Demands Representation in the House of Representatives.

WOULD SEND DELEGATES

Petition Says That Colonization Would Hand the Islands Over to Anarchy and Destruction.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—A memorial of the federal party of the Philippines was transmitted to the senate this evening by the secretary of war, together with a letter of transmittal by Governor Taft, in whose charge the document was given. The memorial was adopted at an extraordinary session of the federal party held in Manila in November. It sets forth that out of the sixty provinces and districts war exists in only two—Batangas and Samar. It also asserts that it is a demonstrated fact that the Pueblos or towns anxiously desire "a definite civil rule."

The memorial then makes a presentation of the deduction of the federal party that congress should proceed to carry into effect its determination of defining the future course of the Philippines in their elections to the United States, and asserts that there is no reason for not replacing the military regiments by a civil rule of popular character.

The memorial then proceeds: "To make of the Philippines a colony of the United States or to grant independence to the Philippines would be to hand the islands over to disorder and to anarchy, to destruction and to chaos."

"Federation or annexation would settle all these difficulties by the concentration of interest of the Filipino people upon education and labor."

The memorialists then pray for declaration by the congress of the United States to the effect that the Philippine islands are an integral part of the United States with the rights and privileges which the constitution of the United States grants to other territories, "such as that of becoming a state of the Union."

A preliminary form of government similar to that of the territories of the United States is outlined as suitable for the Philippines.

The memorial asks that the islands be represented in the United States house of representatives by two delegates.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS.

Clash Between Lodge and Patterson Over Admitting Reporters.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—With the exception of a sharp clash between Lodge and Patterson, over the matter of admission of representatives of the press to hearings on the Philippine tariff bill, the session of the senate today was quiet.

The Colorado senator said that all newspapermen should be admitted to committee hearings, declaring that as now conducted they were too much of the star chamber character. He said his recollection was that Lodge had suggested that the hearings be secret. This drew the fire of the Massachusetts senator, who indignantly denied that he had suggested anything of the kind. He insisted that the reports made of hearings by the press association were accurate and fair to both sides of the controversy.

A communication from the secretary of war transmitting a memorial of the federal party of the Philippine islands in support of American rule in the islands, called from Patterson the statement that the federal party had succeeded in controlling the Philippines by promising the Filipinos that they would be admitted ultimately to statehood in the United States.

BERLIN'S UNEMPLOYED.

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—The census of unemployed in Berlin shows there are 75,000 persons totally without employment and about 40,000 partially unemployed.

GIVEN ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME.

Arrival of Imperial Yacht Hohenzollern at New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The imperial German yacht Hohenzollern, sent here for the use of Prince Henry of Prussia during his forthcoming visit, arrived today from Kiel. She was not expected, for she came by the South-

ern circle and it was calculated that the run would take at least one day more than it did.

In passing, the craft gave her enthusiastic welcome with their whistles. Admiral Von Baudissin was formally welcomed to New York by a civic committee, a representative of Mayor Low and an officer of the United States navy.

FIRE AT HARMERSVILLE.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 12.—The Dequenne Distributing Company's building at Harmersville was destroyed by fire early this morning. Loss \$75,000.

IN MEMORY OF LINCOLN.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 12.—The Lincoln Club, of this city, celebrated the birthday of Lincoln tonight with a banquet. The principal guest was Minister Wu, the Chinese minister.

GIVEN FIVE YEARS.

Baseball Player Convicted of Stealing \$15,000 Worth of Jewelry.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 12.—A Glendive special to the Butte Miner says Jerry MacCarty, a baseball player, was yesterday given five years in the penitentiary for the theft of nearly \$15,000 worth of diamonds from the trunk of C. B. Claussen, a traveling salesman for a Minneapolis jewelry house. MacCarty confessed the crime and led the officer to the cache where he had secreted the plunder. The trunks were rifled as they lay in the express room of the depot. The robbery was particularly bold.

TO EDUCATE THE SOUTH

STARTING OF GREAT EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Movement Meets Favor of Rockefeller and Several Million Are Already Pledged.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—A movement to organize educational work in the United States, especially in the South, on a scale larger than has ever been attempted heretofore has been gaining strength rapidly in this city within a few weeks, says the Tribune. It has attracted the favor of a dozen or more men of great wealth among them John D. Rockefeller and his son, who are said have determined to give needed financial support. Several millions of dollars are ready to be pledged to the great undertaking and abundant means will be available as soon as the plans for organization are completed.

While there have been frequent conferences of late regarding the educational organization to be formed, it may be several weeks before the men who are busy with its plans are ready to apply for charters. So far as there has been substantial agreement, however, the plans indicate the formation of a strong central educational board which will direct in a general way the educational work to be performed in various states by branch organizations. For a time the efforts of the organization will be directed to educational works in the South, but later on, when southern educational systems and facilities have been brought up to a high standard, the organization probably will direct some of its energies to educational work in northern and western states. The organization is to be formed on such a substantial basis that it will be self-perpetuating, and will be expected to continue to increase in power and influence long after the men who gave it its start are dead.

When the central board has been formed under the charter to be obtained, it is expected that William H. Baldwin, Jr., will be placed at its head. Mr. Baldwin has been active in municipal reform work while he has been president of the Long Island Railroad. He has been devoting much thought and study to the question of educational work in the South and has been a prominent member of the executive board of the Southern Educational conference of which Robert C. Ogden is the chairman.

The great educational organization will be in some measure a result of the investigations made by the Southern Educational conference. For several years men of means have been induced to join in the conference over plans of improving educational facilities in the South. It has been made plain at such conferences that the South was too poor to provide for its people, both white and black, as good schools as were needed. Several of the men concerned in the Southern Educational conference have been interested in work done under the supervision of boards of trustees controlling the funds for education in the South provided by the late George Peabody and the late John Fox Peabody.

SURRENDERED TO THE LIBERTADOR

Naval Battle Between Insurgent Vessel and Venezuelan Steamer Crespo.

FIGHT LASTED HALF HOUR

Crespo Rendered Useless and Abandoned at Sea—Commander and Crew Taken on Libertador.

WILLEMSTADT, Island of Curacao, Feb. 12.—The report of the naval engagement between the insurgent vessel Libertador and the Venezuelan steamer Crespo, sent by General Manuel Matos, leader of the Venezuelan revolution and commander of the Libertador, says:

"At 2 o'clock in the afternoon we met the steamer Crespo before Cumarebo and she immediately prepared for fight. To our summons to surrender, which was accompanied by a blank cannon shot, the Crespo replied by firing on us, to which the Libertador answered by directing the fire of her heavy guns and rapid fire guns on the Crespo. The latter kept up firing for a time, but her shells did not strike us, while our shells inflicted serious damage on her."

"After half an hour's fighting, the Crespo hoisted the white flag and surrendered unconditionally. The commander of the Crespo, General Pedro Rivero Suito, and all her crew were then transferred on board the Libertador and the Crespo, rendered completely useless, was abandoned on the coast, after all her war material had been removed."

WILL LOSE HEAVILY.

Insurance Companies Loss by Paterson Fire Exceeded \$4,000,000.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—A preliminary meeting of insurance company representatives has been held to arrange settlements of the losses in the great Paterson fire. Instead of fifty or sixty companies being concerned, it was found that there are over 100. Edwin Quackenbush, secretary of the Underwriters Association, of Paterson, after many conferences with insurance adjusters, the owners of burned property and an examination of insurance maps said the loss to insurance company would aggregate about \$4,000,000.

The insurance men found that the burned district was more heavily covered by fire than they at first thought. They estimate the loss to be \$5,000,000 and the insurance a shade 70 per cent of the total. The estimate of \$5,000,000 is from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000 less than the figures fixed upon by officials and leading business men of Paterson.

TO ESTABLISH STOCKYARD.

Eastern House to Put in Extensive Plant in Portland.

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—Harriman Lions has decided to establish extensive stockyards in the peninsula between the Columbia and Willamette rivers, about four miles from this city. One hundred acres of land was bonded today, and the O. R. & N. Co. has a spur almost completed to the proposed site of the yards. Both the O. R. & N. Co. and the Southern Pacific will use the yards, and it is stated that one of the largest packing houses of Chicago will establish an extensive plant there.

The establishment of stock yards and packing houses will make this city the market for several hundred thousand head of livestock in the Northwest, which is now shipped to Eastern points.

LINCOLN DAY IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—There was a general suspension of business in the financial district of the city today in honor of the ninety-third anniversary of the birth of Lincoln. Many mercantile houses also closed and flags were generally displayed. There were several banquets tonight.

MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Memorial exercises in honor of Abraham Lincoln were held here today on a scale surpassing that of any previous local celebration of the anniversary of his birth.

COLLECTOR DAY'S INSTRUCTIONS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Spaulding

has sent a telegram to Collector Ivey at Sitka, Alaska, stating that the department is unofficially advised that he has issued instructions suspending the collection of tonnage tax and virtually closing Unalaska ports to vessels alleged to be engaged in Pelagic sealing, and informing him that such action is unauthorized by law. Copies of such instructions are directed to be forwarded at once to the department.

LYNCHING IN GRANT COUNTY.

Cattle Thief in Sheriff's Custody Reported Lynched at Ukiah.

PENDLETON, Feb. 12.—Constable Hunsucker, having in custody Tim Tomson, charged with horse stealing in Grant county, left here Monday morning with his prisoner, notwithstanding that threats were reported that Grant county people would lynch him if he attempted to pass through Ukiah. Reports were received this morning that the plan was carried out, although it is impossible to verify it.

The feeling among prominent stockmen is bitter toward those who have lately stolen their property, and an organized effort is being made to bring the offenders to justice.

LUMBER MEN ORGANIZE.

SPOKANE, Feb. 12.—The Eastern Washington and Idaho Lumbermen's Association was organized here today. E. F. Cartier Van Dusen, of Spokane, was elected president. Thirty lumbermen were present.

WANT MONEY REFUNDED

WHITE PASS AND YUCON RAILWAY SUE.

Lawyers Want Freight and Passenger Rates Paid by Clients Returned.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 12.—When it was first announced that Messrs. Higgins and Elliott, barristers of this city, had entered an action against the White Pass and Yukon Railway for damages and the return of freight and passenger rates paid by their clients as the tariff of the company had not been approved by the Dominion government, as required by the railway act, and further because the tariffs were unjust and extortionate, there were those who looked upon the action as a bluff. Now that Justice Martin of the supreme court, has decided that the plaintiffs have right of action against the company under the railway act, the feeling is gaining ground that the suits are very serious and should they decide against the company there is no telling where the matter will end.

Already the three writs have been issued on behalf of the upper Yukon Consolidated Company, Joseph Clearhue and J. St. Clair Bleckett & Company. The latter writ was issued yesterday and in it the claim is for \$40,000, making the amount so far issued for \$200,000. Other writs are to be issued, one for \$100,000 by the Victoria Yukon Trading & Transportation Company. The aggregate claims in writs to be taken out in Victoria will total three-quarters of a million dollars.

It is expected that the cases will come to trial at the assizes to be held during March.

OLEO BILL IS PASSED BY HOUSE

Measure Somewhat Modified But Goes Through With 34 Majority.

PRINCIPAL FEATURES OF BILL

Imposes Tax of Ten Cents Per Pound on Oleomargarine Any Shade of Yellow—War Claims Allowed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The house today passed the oleomargarine bill. There was no division in the final passage, the real test of strength having been made on the motion to recommit the bill, which was defeated by a majority of 34. The proviso to require the inspection and branding of renovated butter, which was adopted in committee of the whole, was retained today on aye and nay vote.

As finally passed the bill is somewhat modified from the form in which it was reported from the committee on agriculture. It makes oleomargarine or imitation butter transported into any state or territory for use, sale or consumption therein subject to the laws of such states or territories, notwithstanding that it may be imported in original packages, and imposes a tax of 10 cents per pound on oleomargarine made in imitation of "butter of any shade of yellow." When not made in such imitation, the tax is reduced to one-fourth of one cent per pound. The penalties for violation of the act are a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 and imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than six months.

War claims occupied the attention of the house after the passage of the oleomargarine bill, and the day was made notable by the passage of the first bill for payment of the claims of United States citizens arising from the Spanish war. It carried something over \$55,000 for the payment of 302 claims for property taken within the United States for use of the army. The omnibus bill, carrying claims aggregating \$24,552 for stores and supplies taken from loyal citizens during the civil war, was passed.

MILLERS TO ORGANIZE.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Millers from all over the United States gathered here today to organize a national body.

WILL TEND TOWARDS PEACE.

PARIS, Feb. 12.—The view taken in diplomatic circles here is that the Anglo-Japanese alliance, being purely defensive, is in nowise a disquieting element in the Eastern situation. The alliance is taken to indicate that the result will certainly make for the peace of the world.

LIQUOR HIS DOWNFALL.

OMAHA, Feb. 12.—The drink habit acquired during life in the army is given as the cause of his downfall by George Leonard, a member of a good family of Wisconsin who served as second lieutenant in the Porto Rican campaign. Leonard was arrested while groping about the cellar of a sporting goods house, pleaded guilty to burglary and was remanded to await sentence.

St. Louis, Feb. 1st, 1902.

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