

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

[SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.]

WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb. 10.—One of the most sensational occurrences witnessed in years on the floor of the Senate was brought about by Senator Pettigrew's attempt to read a statement of Aguinaldo, so as to get it published in the Congressional Record, alleging that he had been promised independence by Admiral Dewey and that the Admiral had recognized the Filipino republic and saluted its flag. Senator Hawley objected to the reading of the statement, which he denounced as "treason," and Senator Lodge called it "a mass of falsehood—a tissue of lies," and emphasized his protest by producing and reading a letter from Admiral Dewey denying absolutely every statement made by Aguinaldo as to his dealings with him. A hush of excitement was maintained on the floor and in the galleries while Senator Lodge read those emphatic words of Admiral Dewey, and Senator Pettigrew and those who have been acting with him could not conceal the consternation they felt. They had banked on Admiral Dewey's refusal to talk on the subject, and this letter destroyed their capital. It is understood that Admiral Dewey wrote it to Senator Lodge by request of the President. Senator Pettigrew was shut off on a point of order, raised by Senator Aldrich and sustained by Senator Frye, who was in the chair. Such scenes were common in the Senate during the Civil war, but they are rare in times of peace.

The House also had some Philippine talk. It was when the Indian appropriation bill was being debated that Representative Cooney of Mo., took advantage of the usual latitude in general debate on an appropriation to make a speech against imperialism and in favor of trade expansion. Representative Linney, of N. C., after deprecating the dragging of the Philippine question into everything, said: "While the earth is drinking the warm blood of American heroes, it is our duty to stand by the flag of our country and the commander-in-chief of our armies."

Senator Bacon is a consistent anti-expansionist. He said in a speech against the permanent retention of the Philippines: "Does anyone believe that this desire for empire will be sated with the acquisition and retention of the Philippines Islands? The thirst for empire is no new thing. It is like the desire for human blood. It was a wrong for us to take Hawaii. It was much worse for us to acquire the Philippines. The desire for empire is not to be sated." Senator Teller, who is not radical in his views either way on the expansion question reminded the Senate that when the war in the Philippines ended we stand committed, in the eyes of the world, to giving the people of those islands self-government. A great many expansionists endorse that idea of Senator Teller's, but neither he nor they mean thereby that the U. S. should surrender control of the Philippines, but that its people should enjoy self-government as it is enjoyed by the Canadians and by the Australians.

The majority of the House Ways and Means Committee this week decided that Porto and the Philippines are not a part of the U. S., within the meaning of that section of the Constitution which says that customs and revenues laws shall be uniform throughout the U. S. The real meaning of the decision is that our new possessions can be governed as colonies and that discriminating duties can be placed upon their products. The Ways and Means Committee is not, of

course, a court, but its decision in this matter will become a law if sanctioned by a majority in Congress. At the same meeting that decision was arrived at a substitute for the Payne bill providing for the free trade between Porto Rico and the U. S. was agreed upon. It provides for a horizontal reduction of 75 per cent in the existing tariff duties between Porto Rico and the U. S. A few days ago the President was strongly in favor of free trade with Porto Rico, but it is said that he is now willing to defer to the wishes of Congress.

There was quite a breezy time at a meeting of the House Committee on Merchant Marine, this week, owing to a circular letter issued by the New York Reform Club, asserting that Senators and Representatives had been bribed to support the Ship-subsidy bill, which is now before that committee. One of the members, Representative Fordney, of Mich., said: "My opinion is that no man will make a statement that a Congressman can be bribed, unless he is a thief himself." Hon. John DeWitt Warner, president of the Reform Club, who was present to make an argument against the bill, said that while he did not sign the objectional circular letters, he believed it represented the views of a majority of the members of the Reform Club.

Senator Warren, of Wyo., where there is a female suffrage, has offered the following joint resolution: "Resolved, That the rights of citizens of the U. S. shall not be abridged by the U. S., or by any State, on account of sex." He says woman suffrage is a good thing, and he wishes to see it universal.

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