

PHILIPPINES MAY GET INDEPENDENCE SOON

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The time is very close at hand when Philippine independence can be formally accomplished, Secretary Baker told the mission yesterday describing the existing relations as being merely "formal." He added this is the view of President Wilson also. He read a letter from the president to the mission which expressed pride in the support the Philippines had given the United States during the war.

Manuel Quezon of the Philippines said that granting independence to his country will bring to the world America is a "liberating rather than conquering nation."

War Service Appreciated.
The mission, consisting of 40 prominent natives of the islands, came to Secretary Baker's office where they were received by the secretary, Chief

of Staff March, General McIntyre and other distinguished army officers whose past services brought them in touch with the Philippines. Baker praised the cooperation during the war and their restraint in abandoning, during that period, all independence agitation.

Tennis Champion Out of Navy

NEW YORK, April 4.—William M. Johnston of San Francisco, national singles tennis champion in 1915, is in New York on his way to the Pacific coast. He has just been discharged from the navy, having held the rank of lieutenant, junior grade.

Johnston was east in the summer of 1917 to play in the series of exhibition matches for the ambulance fund being raised by the United States National Lawn Tennis association, but returned to the Coast before the trip was completed to begin training for an ensign's commission. He was stationed for a time on the Oregon and was then assigned to duty, most of which has been in southern waters. He spent much time along the south American coasts and in the Caribbean.

Recently he was at Havana, where he had an opportunity to play at the Vedado Tennis club. He won his matches there, defeating some of the best players in Havana. While he has not played any tournament tennis the last two summers, he has managed to keep his hand in so that he hopes to be in form, if he has the time, to play many events this season.

Puck Series May Be Finished

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 5.—The world's puck title may yet be decided, if plans of Vancouver hockey enthusiasts are followed out. The news that the Canadian hockey players who were taken ill with the "flu" were on the road to recovery prompted the suggestion that the final game, which was scheduled for Seattle on Tuesday night, may yet be played.

The local rink is open for another month because of a curling hospital to be held here from April 21 to 23.

The game would attract the biggest hockey crowd of the year here. The suggestion will be placed before President Patrick, of the Coast league, when he returns here from Seattle.

Not an Ultimatum.

PARIS, April 5.—The recent note sent by the allies to the German armistice commission at Spa regarding the landing of General Haller's Polish forces at Danzig did not take the form of an ultimatum, as stated by the Berlin newspapers, according to Marcel Hutin in the Echo de Paris.

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AMUSEMENTS.

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be the next attraction at the Oregon Theatre, Thursday April 10 with the usual mailings.

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THE FUNNYBONE

A group of Scottish lawyers were gathered round a brew of toddy one evening. The conversation turned upon a question of pronunciation.

"Now, I always say neether," one of the lawyers said, in discussing the pronunciation of the word "neither."

"I say neither," remarked another lawyer. Turning to a third, he asked: "What do you say, Sandy?"

Sandy, whose head was a little muddled by too many helpings of toddy, woke up from a gentle doze.

"Me!" he said. "Oh, I say whusky."

The villain of a well known melodrama had to be shot. The suppers came on and fired at him accordingly. But the property man omitted to load the guns and the only sound was the faint click of the falling hammers. The villain, having to die, rose to the occasion. Throwing up his arms, he exclaimed:

"I die perforated by a thousand bullets; but I take the opportunity of cursing with my last breath the niggardly government that supplied the army with airguns."

"Oh, mamma," said little Mark. "I

found a dweat big clam hull on the beach."

"And was there a clam in it?" asked his mother.

"No," replied little Mark. "I dems he falled out and dot d'wounded."

Edward, a little 6 year old ushkin, accidentally cut his shoe with his knife and his father proceeded to scold him at great length for his carelessness. The little fellow listened patiently for a time, then, looking up at his father, said:

"Papa, if you don't stop talking so much about it you'll get me mad, too."

Little Edward disliked to attend school, so one morning he thought he would play off sick.

"What is the matter with you, Edward?" asked his mother. Not knowing a whole vocabulary of ailments to select from, on the spur of the moment he replied: "Why, my teeth itch."

"And I suppose you and mamma never thought of me once while you were gone," said a father to his little daughter who had been away on a two weeks' visit.

"Oh, yes, we did," replied the little lady. "One morning we heard a man growling about his breakfast and mamma says: 'That reminds me of home and papa.'"

Southern Swimmers to Meet.

BERKELEY, Cal., April 3.—California and Stanford universities are to engage in a swimming meet at Stanford Saturday, April 12. It was announced by the University of California graduate manager here today. Distance, stroke and diving events and dashes will make up the programme. Each university expects to enter a full team of 15 men. A swimming meet between the university of California, Stanford, Southern California and St. Mary's college will be held in Alameda on Saturday, May 10.

INDIAN UPRISING STARTLES FORMOSA

BUENOS AIRES, April 3.—A general Indian uprising in Formosa province is reported and it is said that one tribe has sacked the fort at Yunka, killing the garrison of two non-commissioned officers and 15 soldiers. National troops are being hurried to the province.

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