

THE PHILIPPINE TARIFF BILL

Message Asking for a Revision of the Philippine Tariff to Extend the Principle of a Protective Tariff for Its Industries Sent to Congress.

Washington, Special.—The President Thursday sent to Congress a special message regarding the Philippine tariff. This message transmits recommendations by the Secretary of War for a revision of the Philippine tariff so as to permit as much customs revenue as possible for the islands and at the same time to extend to the islands the principle of a protective tariff for its industries. Under the conditions which will arise from the enactment of the tariff bill pending in Congress, which provides under certain conditions for free trade between the Philippines and the United States, the revenues of the islands will be considerably affected, and numerous protests have been received here on this account.

The message was submitted to both houses of Congress shortly after they convened. Generally speaking the bill submitted by the President makes a slight increase in the rates of duty now provided in the Philippine tariff, but its framers say its tendency is to insure as far as practicable the benefit of the Philippine market for American manufactures and products.

The President's Message.

The President's message follows: "To the Senate and House of Representatives: "I transmit herewith a communication from the Secretary of War, enclosing one from the chief of the bureau of insular affairs, in which is transmitted a proposed tariff revision law for the Philippine Islands. "This measure revises the present

Philippine tariff, simplifies it and makes it conform as nearly as possible to the regulations of the customs laws of the United States, especially with respect to packing and packages. The present Philippine regulations have been cumbersome and difficult for American merchants and exporters to comply with. Its purpose is to meet the new conditions that will arise under the section of the pending United States tariff bill, which provides, with certain limitations, for free trade between the United States and the Islands. It is drawn with a view to preserving the islands as much customs revenue as possible, and to protect in a reasonable measure those industries which now exist in the islands.

"The bill, now transmitted, has been drawn by a board of tariff experts, of which the insular collector of customs, Col. George R. Colton, was the president. The board held a great many open meetings in Manila, and conferred fully with representatives of all business interests in the Philippine Islands. It is of great importance to the welfare of the islands.

"The bill should be passed at the same time with the pending Payne bill, with special reference to the provisions of which it was proposed.

"I respectfully recommend that this bill be enacted at the present session of Congress as one incidental to, and required by, the passage of the Payne bill.

WILLIAM H. TAFT.

"The White House, April 14, 1909."

TABLE SHOWING PRESENT RATES AND PAYNE BILL CHANGES IN THE TARIFF ON IMPORTANT ARTICLES

The Payne Tariff Bill, as passed by the House shows the following changes made, as compared with the rates in similar articles in the original Payne bill and the Dingley law:

ARTICLES	DINGLEY LAW	ORIGINAL PAYNE BILL	PAYNE BILL AS PASSED BY HOUSE
Coffee	Free of duty	Free with countervailing	Free of duty
Tea	Free of duty	5 cents a pound	Free of duty
Petroleum	Free of duty	4 cents a pound	3 cents a pound
Barley	30 cents a bushel	Free with countervailing	Free of duty
Barley malt	45 cents a bushel	24 cents a bushel	24 cents a bushel
Hides	15 per cent	Free of duty	Free of duty
Round and square	per cubic foot	1-25 per cubic foot	Half cent cubic foot
Lumber, unfinished	\$2.00 per 1,000 feet	50 cents per 1,000 feet	\$1.00 per 1,000 feet
Lumber, finished	\$2.00 per 1,000 feet	50 cents per 1,000 feet	\$1.00 per 1,000 feet
Softwood	\$2.00 per 1,000 feet	\$1.50 per 1,000 feet	\$1.50 per 1,000 feet
Copperas	Free of duty	Free of duty	Free of duty
Blue worth under 10c	1-2 cents a pound	Free of duty	1-2 cents a pound
Blue worth over 10c	15 lb. plus 20 per cent	25 per cent	15 lb. plus 20 per cent
Crude barytes	75 cents per ton	75 cents a ton	\$1.50 per ton
Fluorspar	Free	50c to \$1.75 per ton	\$1.50 per ton
Raw mica	50 lb. plus 20 per cent	50 lb. plus 20 per cent	50 lb. plus 20 per cent
Cut mica	125 lb. plus 20 per cent	50 lb. plus 20 per cent	50 lb. plus 20 per cent
Bar iron (chamfered)	\$12 per ton	\$8 a ton	\$10 per ton
Cast iron	\$12 per ton	15 per cent	\$12 per ton
Permanence	Free	15 per cent	15 per cent
Bar root	Free	25 per cent	25 per cent
Sugar	\$1.50 lb. plus 10 per cent	50 cents per pound	50 cents per pound
Unstamped	35 cents a pound	35 cents a pound	75 cents per pound
Turkish filler tobacco	50 cents a pound	50 cents a pound	25 cents per pound
Pease (green)	30 cents per bushel	30 cents a bushel	25 cents per bushel
Evergreen seedlings	\$1.00, plus 15 per cent	\$1.00, plus 15 per cent	Free of duty
Pineapples	1 cent per cubic foot	30 per 1,000	Free of duty
Cloves (ground)	Free of duty	25 per cent	25 per cent
Cloves (unground)	Free of duty	25 per cent	25 per cent
Cotton jagged goods	New entry	50 per cent	50 per cent
Shirts, collars and cuffs	45c doz. plus 15 per cent	35c doz. plus 10 per cent	45c doz. plus 15 per cent
Blank suspenders and garters	50 per cent	50 per cent	50 per cent
Blank handkerchiefs (handkerchiefs)	50 per cent	50 per cent	50 per cent
Blank and velvet boxes	New entry	35 lb. plus 20 per cent	50 per cent
Blank photo papers	New entry	25 per cent	50 cents per pound
Blank combs	New entry	25 per cent	25 per cent
Blank paper	New entry	25 per cent	25 per cent
Blank caps	25c per 1,000	25 per cent	\$2 per 1,000
Blank shoes of hair	20 per cent	25 per cent	25 per cent
Blank shoe laces	50c gross and 20 per cent	25 per cent	50c gross and 10 per cent
Nut oil	25 per cent	25 per cent	Free of duty
Platinum vases, fountains and apparatus	45 per cent	Free of duty	45 per cent
Philippine rice	2 cents a pound	Free of duty	2 cents per pound

FOURTEEN LOSE THEIR LIVES IN HOTEL FIRE

San Francisco, Special.—Six bodies recovered and probably 8 or 10 others buried in the ruins; six injured, on fatally; property loss \$125,000—these are the results of a fire Friday that destroyed the St. George Hotel, a lodging house for laborers at Howard and Eighth streets. Eight other small buildings were burned. The bodies taken to the morgue were

FUNERAL SERVICES OF GEN. M. C. BUTLER

Columbia, S. C., Special.—The funeral of Gen. M. C. Butler, who died Wednesday night in this city, was held Friday morning in St. Peter's Catholic church at 10 o'clock. The church was filled with the friends and relatives of General Butler and his family. The requiem mass was said by Rev. B. W. Fleming, Bishop Northrop, who came up from Charleston for the funeral read the prayer for the dead, assisted by Rev. T. J. Hegarty and Rev. Mr. Hughes. The funeral sermon was preached by Father Fleming, who had been with

FAMOUS MECKLENBURG HOTEL IS BURNED

Danville, Va., Special.—The beautiful Mecklenburg Hotel at Chase City, 70 miles east of this city on the Key-ville and Durham branch of the Southern Railway, was destroyed by fire Friday afternoon. The hotel was an expansive frame structure, built 10 years ago by the Mecklenburg Springs Corporation at a cost, including furnishings of \$200,000. At the time of the fire, it was owned by the

estate of M. L. T. Davis, of Norfolk, and was leased and managed by W. T. Hughes, who had conducted it for several years. The owners carried only \$75,000 insurance on the hotel and equipment. Only about 30 guests were registered at the hotel at the time of the fire. The structure, situated on an eminence just outside of town had two hundred guest chambers, all well furnished.

General Butler frequently during his last illness and who was with him at the time of his death. He paid as eloquent tribute to General Butler's services as a soldier and statesman and spoke in affectionate terms of him as a man. In his funeral sermon over General Butler, the Rev. Father Fleming gave this explanation of how General Butler came to change his faith: "The Little Sisters of the Poor first drew my attention to the Catholic church. Their humble, holy lives, leaving home and hearth to minister to the outcast, the homeless, the aged, the forgotten of the world."

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Items of Interest Gathered By Wire and Cable

GLEANINGS FROM DAY TO DAY

Live Items Covering Events of More or Less Interest at Home and Abroad.

The annex to the Chesterfield Hotel and James' shoe store in Petersburg collapsed Wednesday.

Harman J. Lushbaugh, 86 years old, committed suicide in Staunton, Va., Wednesday.

Boston Stainaker, an old miser, who died in a cheap lodging house in Parkersburg, W. Va., last week, was worth \$100,000.

The beautiful Kenilworth Inn, near Asheville, N. C., was destroyed by fire and the owner perhaps fatally hurt Wednesday.

One indicted Councilman in Pittsburgh is said to have confessed and many arrests may follow.

Two women, cabin mates, ended their lives in the same way on the eastward trip of the Lucania last week. They were buried in the ocean.

James A. Patten, the Chicago broker, who sent up the price of wheat, denies cornering it, saying he only saw the chance and took it.

The Olympia cotton mills, of Columbia, S. C., purchased three car loads of ready mixed paint last Wednesday from a Charleston firm to be used on its property.

The late frost did great damage to fruit in the valley of Virginia and in the Norfolk trucking district.

In the excitement of a fire Armistead Yuille and his wife forgot their baby and it burned to death at Lawyer's, Campbell county, Va., last week.

Six persons lost their lives and four blocks were burned in a fire at Lenox, Massachusetts, Sunday morning.

Eighty persons were immersed in the Mississippi River at St. Louis, on Easter day, joining the colored Baptist church. Forty more intended to join but were deterred by the icy water.

Mrs. Georgia Allyn Sampson was, on last Saturday night, at Lyons, N. Y., acquitted of the charge of killing her husband.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, has signed the anti-cigarette bill, which makes it a misdemeanor to manufacture, sell or give away cigarettes or cigarette paper. The bill exempts jobbers who do an interstate business.

Bernard Carlin, aged 22, was electrocuted at Ossining, N. Y., Monday for the murder of his mother.

James Cabaanne, 7 years old, was kidnapped at St. Louis, Mo., Thursday. It is uncertain whether by his relatives or for ransom.

Lynchburg, Va., will issue \$400,000 of bonds for municipal improvements.

Woolgrowers of West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio met at Parkersburg, W. Va., last week, and adopted a protest against the wool schedule in the Payne bill.

Andrew Cloud, of Frederick county, Virginia, was acquitted last week of the murder of his brother-in-law, North Shirley.

Ben, alias "Booker" Barnes, a negro, eighteen years old, was lynched Friday at Hopkinsville, Ky., by 250 farmers for attempting to assault Miss Ruth Gee, seventeen years old, daughter of William Gee, a farmer.

Floyne Hightower, ten years old, was killed in his father's yard in Atlanta, Ga., last Thursday by the explosion of a shell that was being kept as a relic of the Battle of Atlanta, fought by the armies of Hood and Sherman.

Washington Notes.

Secretary of the Navy Meyer will order the Mississippi to proceed to Natchez at the proper time to receive the silver service from the people in whose honor the ship was named.

After four hours' discussion the Democratic conference of Senators was able to agree on but one amendment, that for an income tax.

Senator Aldrich holds to the belief that his bill will produce enough revenue to run the Government.

President Taft has selected the Stetson cottage, at Beverly, Mass., as his summer home.

Low rates on necessities and high rates on luxuries will distinguish the Senate Tariff bill, Senator Aldrich says.

President Taft says no Union veterans will lose their Government positions as long as they are able to work.

In receiving the new Cuban Minister Friday President Taft reassured Cuba of America's intention to uphold its independence.

The House passed the Payne Tariff bill Friday night by a vote of 217 to 161. Four Louisiana Democrats voted for the bill.

By an overwhelming majority the House last Friday placed oil on the free list, with but 40 votes against it.

Ethan A. Hitchcock, former Secretary of the Interior, died in Washington Friday.

The President has given his support to the great interdenominational campaign for foreign missions.

TWO AMERICANS SLAIN

Confirmation Received of the Killing of American Missionaries at Adana—Others Connected With the Mission Are Safe.

Constantinople, By Cable.—Confirmation has been received here of the killing of two American missionaries at Adana. The murdered missionaries were Mr. Rogers and Mr. Maurer. The others connected with the missions are safe, including Mr. Christie, who is at Tarsus.

Three French warships are hurrying to Mersina, where the situation is desperate. Foreigners and many Christians have taken refuge in the consulates. The local troops and the Governor are doing their best to protect the town, but there is great fear that it cannot hold out much longer against the invasion of the Moslems, who are sweeping down in large numbers. The American vice consul at Mersina, John Debbes, has been unable to proceed to Adana, owing to interruption of communication. A British warship is proceeding to Alexandretta, which is threatened by the Moslems.

The Chamber sent a deputation to the barracks to explain to the soldiers the evil results of disobedience. The Deputies for Alep and Adana demanded immediate measures to restore order in the Adana district and to punish the ringleaders of the massacre. A motion to this effect was adopted unanimously. According to the latest news from Adana, the missionaries do not dare to leave the mission house. They are suffering from lack of provisions and medicines, and have sent an appeal to the military authorities for protection. Adana is still burning and it is reported that not less than three thousand people are homeless at Tarsus.

Late telegrams received from the British vice consul at Adana state that there are apprehensions of further trouble at that place.

SERIOUS FIRE IN CHARLOTTE.

Black's Livery Stable in Ashes—Six Horses Burned—Loss \$25,000.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—A fire which dared the utmost efforts of the city's fire fighters, a blaze which threatened to wipe out of existence a half-dozen or more surrounding dwellings, a conflagration that brought thousands to view the conflict, was that which razed to the ground the long, two and three-story brick structure which it early claimed as its own. Result, six horses dead, the building and contents, including vehicles, harvesting and farming machinery entirely destroyed, with an approximate total loss of \$25,000; with damage done to the stables of Mr. R. C. McManus nearby to the southeast on College street to the extent of about \$1,200 and a similar amount of loss charged up to Mr. A. W. Whitaker's stables, which adjoined on the west. All the injury done to the two latter establishments was wrought by the collapsing of heavy brick walls which carried with them part of the roofing beneath.

Cuba to Have an Army.

Havana, By Cable.—Extraordinary progress is being made in the organization of the Cuban regular army. When fully recruited, it will number about 5,000 infantry and artillery. That the President considers this as indispensable to the maintenance of the government is shown by his reference to it as "a powerful instrument for the preservation of peace" in his recent message to Congress. Privately the President is reported to have said that he will not really begin to rule until the army is fully ready for service. Already more than three-fourths of the force has been enlisted and the work of training is going on rapidly.

Wheat Flurry Subsided.

Chicago, Special.—After a memorable speculative week the ticker's "good night" was received at noon Saturday with a deep sigh of relief from board of trade men, not to mention an army of laymen drawn into the vortex of the wheat pit by the publicity given James A. Patten, the leader, and his following. Mr. Patten personally, left the market to its fate, from the view which the Patten crowd improved considerably.

Highwayman Captured.

San Francisco, Special.—James M. Thompson, vice president of the Thompson Bridge Company, on entering his office Saturday with a sack containing \$3,200 was confronted by two masked men, one of whom shot him through the chest, inflicting a serious wound. The men escaped with the money, but were captured. During the shooting William Rosenberg received a stray bullet but was not seriously hurt.

The King of All Crooks.

Marion, N. C., Special.—Of all the systems of graft an ingenious age has produced, a negro preacher of this place has invented the one unique. He has been holding a revival for the past month and there have been, it is said, 110 conversions. When a nigger is converted he issues a certificate like this: "This is to certify that Sister Jane Jones has this day been born into the kingdom of God," etc., and charges the poor, deluded fool the sum of 50 cents for her passport into glory.

LYNCHED BY A MOB

Four Wealthy Men Are Strung Up in Ada, Oklahoma.

HAD MURDERED U. S. MARSHAL

Disgusted With the Alleged Justice Meted Out to Criminals in Smaller Towns of Oklahoma, Two Hundred Citizens of Ada Took the Law Into Their Own Hands.

Ada, Okla., Special.—Two hundred citizens of Ada, nearly all of them of the better class, thoroughly disgusted with the "justice" meted out to criminals in the smaller towns of Oklahoma, early Monday took from jail and hanged four wealthy land owners for the murder of Deputy United States Marshal A. L. Bobbitt. The lynched men were G. B. Miller, of Fort Worth, Tex.; B. B. Burrell, of Duncean Oklahoma; Jesse West and Joseph Allen, of Canadian, Tex. Shortly after 3 o'clock Monday morning the lynchmen shut off the electric street lights, cut the telephone communication and quietly gathered near the jail. When all had assembled, a large man swaggered out of the dark and said: "Are you all ready?" A confused buzzing was the only answer. The men silently made their way toward the jail.

They had scarcely started before they met County Attorney Robert Wimbish, who had received word that the mob was forming. The crowd stopped at his request. Attorney Wimbish said: "Men of Ada, you are disgracing this county in the eyes of the world. Think this matter over calmly and let the law take its course. I appeal to you as an officer of the law to return to your homes."

The mob, without a word, proceeded on its way. The attorney attempted again to talk to them. "This is no time for speeches," said the leader and the march continued. A high board fence surrounding the jail was partly thrown down and the crowd entered and pounded on the jail door. Only Guard McCarthy was on duty.

"McCarthy," said the leader, "open this door at once. We mean business. Hurry, its near daylight." "You might as well go home, boys," quickly responded the officer, "this door will never be opened from this side."

After a conference three of the mob threw themselves against the frail jail door and the mob rushed in. Guard McCarthy was knocked senseless with a revolver butt. The four prisoners were quickly taken out, although West fought desperately.

"If you're going to hang me, do it," said Miller.

The mob led the four men to a barn a few hundred feet away and stood them in a straight line.

"Tell us what you devils know about Bobbitt's murder," shouted the mob leader.

West answered for the four, saying: "We don't know who you men are, and we don't care. For myself, I know if I had a six shooter, a few of you would bite the dust, but that's talk as long as my 'shooting iron' is in Texas. You boys appear to have a job to do. Why don't you do it? We won't tell anything, and you won't."

"The ropes," the leader broke in, and the four prisoners were carried to a beam and strung up in a row.

Just before the rope was placed about his neck, Miller calmly removed a diamond from his shirt front and requested that it be sent to his wife in Fort Worth. From his neck he drew out a diamond scarf pin with the request that it be given to Guard McCarthy for his kindness to him. As soon as the men were dead the mob disappeared. At daylight the bodies of the lynched men were cut down.

Senator Gazzam Still Unconscious.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—The condition of former State Senator Joseph M. Gazzam, of Pennsylvania, who was injured at the Kenilworth Inn fire last week by jumping from a third-story window, remains unchanged according to the attending physician. Senator Gazzam has been at the Clarence Barker Hospital, Baltimore, since the accident and still remains in an unconscious condition.

Has Sultan Abdicated?

Constantinople, By Cable.—The important feature of the situation in the Turkish capital Monday was the report that Sultan Abdul Hamid had abdicated. It caused the greatest excitement in the lobbies of Parliament and spread with lightning-like rapidity throughout the city. A rumor of the flight of the Sultan on a warship followed closely on that of his abdication, but neither could be confirmed. The Palace was under strong guard, and even high officials were not permitted to enter it.

Fire in Little Rock.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.—St. Louis compress No. 2, one of the largest cotton compresses in this city, was practically destroyed by fire early Tuesday, causing a loss which is roughly estimated will approximate almost a million dollars. The fire was discovered shortly after one o'clock and because of the inflammable material upon which the flames fed, gained quick headway.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

Senator McCumber, of North Dakota, Tuesday, in criticizing the conference report on the census bill, made the charge that the census office has in its employ in one bureau the wife of a secretary of a Representative in Congress, the wives of two officials of the War Department and the wife of a prominent official in the Treasury Department. "Promotion," he said, "seems to be almost wholly for women who have husbands in the departments. This is getting to be a city of official families holding positions under government." A number of Senators engaged in the discussion of the bill as it came from the conference committee and an eye and may vote on the conference report resulted in its rejection by a vote of 32 to 43 and a further conference on it was ordered.

Taking issue squarely with President Taft on the latter's Philippine policy, Senator Stone, of Missouri, in a carefully prepared speech delivered in the Senate on the subject of the tariff, urged the withdrawal of the United States from the islands within a period of fifteen years pending which the people of those islands should enjoy all the benefits of a legitimate free trade with this country.

His first visit to the White House in about seven years was paid by Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, and he received a cordial greeting from President Taft. His appearance in the executive offices created a sensation. Mr. Tillman said that he merely went to the White House to say good-morning to the President and to express his "gratification upon having a gentleman there."

Secretary of War Dickinson and his party who are to accompany him to Panama left here Sunday for Charleston, S. C., where they will embark on the President's yacht Mayflower, for the isthmus Wednesday morning. Monday they spent at Fort Monroe, reaching Charleston Tuesday morning where they did some sightseeing before the special leaves. The Secretary expects to get back to Washington about the middle of May.

Mr. Dickinson's purpose is to acquaint himself fully with every detail of canal administration and construction that may be possible in the ten days he expects to spend between Colon and Panama. It is President Taft's wish that members of his Cabinet shall do more or less traveling so that they may come in closer contact with the people, particularly where work under their departments is such that personal investigation will be helpful.

The Rev. Haig Y. Yardumain, pastor of the Armenian Evangelical church in Philadelphia, the only Armenian church in this city, has sent a letter to President Taft asking him to use his influence to prevent the wholesale massacre of Armenians in Asia Minor.

Rev. Yardumain says in part: "We appeal to you to use the influence of your great office in order to stop the hand of the slayer, in the name of God, in the name of humanity and justice known to and upheld by the noble American people."

The Democratic senators will not delay the passage of the tariff bill. They held their second conference Saturday and while no formal conclusion was reached on any point there was a consensus of opinion in favor of permitting the Republicans to take entire charge of the measure with the understanding that they assume, as they necessarily must, the entire responsibility for it.

Debate on the tariff bill opened in the Senate. Chairman Aldrich defended the measure submitted by the finance committee and declared that it would produce ample revenue to meet the expense of the government. Senator Daniel outlined the attitude of the minority as favoring a bill capable of raising sufficient revenue without imposing any more burdens on the people than were absolutely necessary.

Politics were for the moment forgotten by the Daughters of the American Revolution and all factions united in according Mrs. Donald McLean, the retiring president general, an enthusiastic greeting at the opening of the eighteenth congress.

Taft and Sherman, baseball "fans" as well as President and Vice President of the United States, occupied adjoining boxes at American League Park, shared a bag of peanuts and "rooted" for the home team to win from Boston.

For more than four hours the Democratic members of the Senate conferred Wednesday in an effort to agree upon a policy toward tariff legislation. At the end of that time Senator Culberson, the minority leader, announced the Democrats had agreed to support an income tax amendment and to stand for substantial reductions in schedules, and particularly for a decrease, in the rates on necessities of life.