

OPPOSES INDEPENDENCE FOR THE PHILIPPINES

In Message President Argues Strongly Against Granting Autonomy and, Later, Freedom.

URGES LEGISLATION TO STRENGTHEN ARMY Suggests Changes in Federal Court Proceedings—Makes No Further Tariff Recommendations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—President Taft will make no further effort to have congress reduce the tariff.

"Now that a new congress has been elected on a platform of tariff revenue only rather than a protective tariff and is to revise the tariff on that basis," said the president.

This message, the second submitted by the president since the present session began, will be his last of a general character.

Conservation was lightly touched, the president recommending the amendment of bills now before congress so that water power companies which dam navigable rivers will contribute to the improvement of these streams.

Suggestions for Court Reform. He declared that no radical change in the Sherman anti-trust law was needed, and praised the Supreme court for its recently announced changes in rules of equity procedure.

The Panama canal was dismissed in a few words, the president prophesying its opening in the latter half of 1913.

For Increased Army Efficiency. The army, the president discussed at some length. He praised the army legislation of the last congress, but said that provision should be made by law so that the nation's foreign regiment may be always maintained upon a war footing.

As to the Philippines. "In the Philippine islands we have embarked upon an experiment unprecedented in dealing with dependent peoples," said President Taft.

"We are developing these conditions exclusively for their own welfare. Through the unifying forces of a common education, of commercial and economic development and of gradual participation in local self-government, we are endeavoring to evolve a homogeneous people fit to determine, when the time arrives, their own destiny.

One of the striking arguments of the message was that opposing autonomy for the Philippines at once and independence in eight years.

COMMONWEALTH RESTS IN SIDNA ALLEN CASE

WYTHEVILLE, Va., Dec. 6.—The commonwealth closed its evidence today at the trial of Sidna Allen, leader of the Hillsville gunmen, charged with the murder of Attorney William Foster at the Carroll court house shooting.

DEAF MUTES FALL OUT

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 6.—J. P. Marshall was bound over to keep the peace for six months in the sum of \$250 at the instance of Jesse T. Warren here yesterday.

BRIDE TO PRISON

Logansport, Ind., Dec. 6.—Mrs. Joseph Lane, the bride of one day who shot and killed Mrs. Mary Coppel, today was sentenced to serve from 2 to 14 years in the women's prison at Indianapolis and pay a fine of \$25.

GRAVES SEEKS POST

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Mrs. Ida E. R. Noyes, wife of Laverne W. Noyes, captain and former president of the Illinois Manufacturing association, died at her home last night after several months' illness.

RECOMMENDATIONS THE PRESIDENT MAKES IN LAST GENERAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

- The plan of currency reform outlined by the monetary commission. Amendment of the law to lessen the penalty when corporations inadvertently disobey the corporation tax law. Congressional approval of plan of army reform prepared by the war college last spring. The passage of the militia pay bill, increasing compensation to militia in the field. Citizenship without statehood for Porto Rico. Regulation of water power grants so that navigable streams might be improved by water power companies. Elevation of Col. Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal, to a major generalship. A return to the policy of two battleships a year by the appropriation for three battleships this year. Authority to the United States Supreme court to make rules of procedure in common law cases in federal courts to expedite and lessen the cost of litigation. He disappointed the following: Autonomy and independence in eight years for the Philippines. Amendment of the Sherman anti-trust law. The president made no recommendations for tariff revision, stating that he would leave that subject to the incoming congress.

Sack Town When Refused 18 Girls as Hostages

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 6.—Because the citizens of Valle del Bravo refused to deliver 18 young women as hostages to a band of rebels today, the Zapata insurgents practically destroyed the town. None of the inhabitants was killed because they fled to the hills after refusing the rebels' demands. The refugees are said to be suffering from cold and hunger. The rebels appeared before the town today and sent a demand to the civil prefect for the delivery of 18 girls, declaring that in case of refusal the place would be sacked.

SHOULD FORBID LIQUORS IN ARMY SAYS SURGEON

Colonel Maus Declares Their Use "Most Baffling Obstacle to Progress."

New York, Dec. 6.—The use of alcohol among officers of the army and navy, is declared to be the "most baffling obstacle to progress," in a report by Colonel Mervin Maus, chief surgeon of the eastern division of the army.

PROGRESS IS MADE IN PATERSON CASE

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 6.—Cross-examination of Joseph E. Warren, an automobile dealer of Boston, formerly an employee of the National Cash Register company of Dayton, was resumed today in the trial of John H. Patterson and 29 other officers and former officers of the company for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

CHOCATE IS ELECTED PILGRIMS' PRESIDENT

New York, Dec. 6.—Announcement was made today of the election of Joseph H. Choate to the presidency of the Pilgrims of the United States.

FAMOUS PEDESTRIAN, GEORGE LITTLEWOOD, IS DEAD

New York, Dec. 6.—Dispatches received here tell of the death in London of George Littlewood, once a noted pedestrian.

FARM BOND LAW TO BE DRAFTED

Governors' Conference Appoints Committee to Devise Plan for Replacing Mortgage System.

CHAIN OF NEW STATE BANKS CONTEMPLATED

Listing of the Securities on Stock Exchanges also Proposed—O'Neal Discusses Rural Credits.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 6.—The governors' conference today appointed a committee of five to draft uniform state legislation under which old style farm mortgages could be replaced with short or long term farm bonds.

Another resolution urged the creation of public works of which the corps of army engineers would be a part. The waterway congress passed a resolution congratulating congress "upon its grant of immunity, through the recently enacted Panama canal law, from tolls upon ships engaged in our coastwise trade and upon the protection to water-borne commerce afforded by said law against railroad ownership or control of water lines."

Officers were re-elected as follows: President, Representative Joseph E. Ransdell, Louisiana; secretary-treasurer, S. A. Thompson, Indiana; sergeant-at-arms, John I. Martin, Missouri.

COLUMBIA MEN KILLED IN MOTOR CAR WRECK

W. S. Stewart and F. H. Meigan Dead and Three Others Are Injured.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 6.—W. S. Stewart, president of a local hardware company, and T. Hugh Meigan, cashier of the Carolina National bank, were killed and three other persons were injured last night when an automobile in which they were riding overturned, plunging the occupants of the car beneath it.

HEAD FOR CAROLINA

Four Tennessee Railway Depots and Postoffice at Hunter Looted—The Robbers Escape.

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn., Dec. 6.—Five robberies were committed within a radius of five miles in the vicinity last night, the robbers escaping for the North Carolina state line on a railroad bicycle.

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Mrs. Lane, Who Killed Wedding Supper Critic as "Warning to Gos-sippers," Convicted.

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A HIGHWAYBOY

Twelve Years Old New York Lad Accused of Waylaying Pedestrians.

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ASKS 50 MILLION FOR WATERWAYS

Rivers and Harbors Congress Closes After Adopting Resolutions Regarding Work.

PANAMA CANAL ACT GIVEN ENDORSEMENT

Creation of Federal Department of Public Works Advocated—Taft Receives Delegates.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—An annual congressional appropriation of at least 50 million dollars for waterway improvement was recommended in a resolution adopted today at the closing session of the ninth annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors congress.

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REBUKE BLEASE IN RESOLUTION

FRANCE AROUSED BY LOSS OF ART

Rapacity of Foreigners Seeking French Works Denounced by Deputies.

PARIS, Dec. 6.—The rapacity of foreign antiquaries and amateur collectors was strongly denounced today in the chamber of deputies by Theodore Reinach, deputy from Chambrey and an authority on art, during a discussion on the budget of the department of fine arts.

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"To Hell with the Constitution," Again Shouts South Carolinian as Governors Denounce Him.

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Kitchin One of Four Negativizing Resolution for Protecting Assailants from Mob Violence.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 6.—A sweeping resolution repudiating the remarks of Governor Blease, defending himself, in support of lynch law was adopted by the governors' conference today by a vote of 14 to 4.

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