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Mr. White Desires Freedom for Philippines.

A QUESTION OF POLICY

PHILIPPINES MAY HOLD FOR US SEEDS OF DEATH.

THEY MAY POISON OUR BODY POLITIC

If the Filipinos are Incapable of Self Government Why Bring them into Our Governmental System? Asks Mr. White.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Discussion of the policy of expansion occupied nearly all the time of the Senate in open session to-day. Mr. White, of California, one of the Democrats who has announced heretofore his opposition to ratification of the treaty of peace, addressed the Senate in support of the anti-expansion resolution introduced by Mr. Vest, (Dem., Mo.), and of the resolution offered by Mr. Bacon, (Dem., Ga.), declaring that the Philippines ought to be free and independent.

In view of the proposition by the California Legislature to "instruct" Mr. White and his colleagues, Mr. Perkins, how to vote upon the policy of expansion and upon the pending peace treaty, the remarks of Mr. White were regarded with much interest. He was accorded careful attention by both his colleagues on the floor and by a considerable audience in the galleries.

A COLONIAL COMMISSION.

Organized to Administer Details of Territorial Government.

Washington, January 23.—The Secretary of War has completed the organization of a colonial commission to undertake the administration here in Washington of all matters of detail respecting the government of the territories acquired during the war or occupied by the United States forces.

TWO COLORED CHILDREN DEAD.

One Colored Child Burned to Death and Another Given Poison by Mistake.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Jan. 23.—(Special.) Two fatalities occurred here yesterday among the colored population as the result of accidents. Rev. Lewis Hackney, pastor of the colored Baptist church, lost a five-year-old daughter from the effects of burning. The child fell in the fire several days ago.

A DESPATCH FROM OTIS.

Washington, Jan. 23.—General Otis, commanding the military forces in the Philippines, has cabled to the War Department as follows: "Manila, January 21st. 'Construction of hospital at Nagasaki unnecessary. Health of my command good. Diseases successfully treated here except chronic bowel difficulty and rheumatism. Will send number of such cases Monday by transport Zealandia to San Francisco. If need be, I will establish hospital in mountains where recuperation would be rapid. Convalescent hospital at Corregidor (near mouth of harbor) is successful. (Signed.) 'OTIS.'"

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE.

Washington, Jan. 23.—This was District of Columbia day in the House, and the major portion of the day was devoted to local legislation. The only action of importance was the passage of the bill to extend the navigation laws of the United States to the Hawaiian Islands. One of the provisions of the bill grants American register to all vessels flying the Hawaiian flag, owned by Hawaiian citizens, July 7th, 1898.

RATIFICATION NOT EXPECTED NOW

The Peace Treaty Will Doubtless Go Over.

WORK OF EXTRA SESSION

SAMPSON-SCHLEY CONTROVERSY IN THE SENATE.

REPORT OF A BEEF SURVEY BOARD

Captain Warburton Says all Beef Issued to his Battalion Was Bad. Some Whose Odor Met Him 150 Yards in Advance of the Beef.

Washington, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—There are the strongest indications that the Treaty of Paris is to go over to an extra session of the new Congress to be assembled almost immediately after the adjournment of the present Congress on the 3rd of March. Senators who have heretofore been sanguine of ratification at the present session are now talking of the probability of the treaty going over and are inclined to acknowledge that as matters now stand it cannot command the necessary two-thirds vote.

Senator Lodge, for instance, has been one of the most sanguine of the members of the Foreign Relations Committee, and up to within the past few days has been inclined to scout the idea of failure. Today, however, he said that it had been practically decided to make no further efforts to push the treaty at this session, and Senator Davis, chairman of the committee, virtually admitted as much, although he was more politic in his language.

GEORGIA MOB ATTACK A HOUSE

Girl Refuses to Come Out When Bidden, and Two Murders Follow.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 23.—At Colquitt, Ga., a town remote from telegraphic communication, late Saturday night, a party of unknown men surrounded the house of farmer Rustin and demanded that his daughter come out of the house. She refused, whereupon the men attacked the house, shooting from every side.

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One shot passed through the door, killing a boy, Virgil, instantly. Another shot struck old man Rustin and he died today from the effects of the wound. The mob broke in the door and knocked the old man down and continued shooting at him.

At the inquest it developed that the cause of the shooting was because Miss Rustin had sworn out a warrant for a man named Philips. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of manslaughter. Philips, his father and two brothers, two cousins of Philips and a man named Cleveland, have been placed in jail.

MORE ROTTEN BEEF.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The Board of Survey, appointed by Secretary Alger to pass upon the question of the proper condemnation of a large quantity of beef received from Porto Rico, has received from Captain Barclay H. Warburton, of the Pennsylvania volunteers' battalion of artillery, a sworn statement of the condition of refrigerated beef on board the transport Manitoba, which transport was at Ponce from August 10th to 25th. In the course of this statement Captain Warburton says:

"I ate of the beef which the transport Manitoba brought to Porto Rico. It was served to the officers' mess on the United States transport Mississippi, which brought my command back to New York. When I say I ate the meat, I must qualify my statement by saying that I tried to eat the meat. It was so bad that it was impossible to swallow it. In my opinion the meat was not good—nor was it fit for issue."

SEISMIC SHOCKS IN GREECE.

Athens, Jan. 23.—There have been fresh earthquake shocks to-day in the province of the Peloponnese, particularly in the districts of Kyparissia and Philiatra, in the Department of Messenia, on the Ionian coast.

In the town of Kyparissia a number of houses which were damaged by yesterday's shocks, collapsed this afternoon, injuring many.

PULLIAM IN CUSTODY.

Defaulter Wanted at Asheville Gives Himself Up in California.

STOCKTON, CAL.

Stockton, Cal., Jan. 23.—A man giving his name as Lawrence Pulliam, walking to the sheriff's office, requested that he be taken into custody, and asked that a telegram be sent to the sheriff of Asheville, N. C., announcing that he was here and ready to stand trial.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Scattered cases of small-pox are reported in Eastern Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama.

In the fifth ballot for United States Senator yesterday Quay, though leading as before, made no gains.

George White, who murdered an inoffensive negro in Mecklenburg county in last April, was hanged at Boynton, Va., yesterday.

Representative Clarke, of Iowa, has introduced into Congress a bill providing that no polygamist shall be a Senator or Representative.

Appointments have been secured at the Elbitz House for the Egan court martial, which is expected to begin its sessions there next Wednesday.

The richly dressed body of a young woman, believed to be one of the party on the ill-fated Paul Jones, has been found at Boca Raton, near Miami, Fla.

Dr. D. E. Solmon, Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, in speaking of meat inspection before the War Investigating Commission yesterday, said that the packing houses were very large buildings, and it was possible that things might be done there which the Government inspectors would know nothing of.

Malcolm Johnson, general attorney for and director in the Atlanta National Building and Loan Association, has filed a petition in Fulton county Superior court, asking for a receiver for the association, which he claims is insolvent.

Mr. Johnson holds 28 shares of the stock. The officers of the association deny its insolvency, claiming its assets are worth \$800,000, with liabilities only \$400,000.

CHARGED WITH CONTEMPT.

Mr. Cameron Morrison Brought to Raleigh on a Charge of Contempt—The Rule Dismissed.

Some days ago Mr. H. C. Dockery, U. S. Marshal, went to Rockingham with a warrant of attachment, issued by Judge Purnell for the property of Minor T. Hinson and Andrew A. Williams, bankrupts. He undertook to attach the stock of goods assigned to Mr. Cameron Morrison previous to their being declared bankrupts. The order did not contain Mr. Morrison's name and he pointed out to the marshal that he had no right under the order to seize the property which he held in trust.

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