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RETAINING CONTROL OF THE PHILIPPINES

Its Advisability Discussed in the House.

ARID LANDS OF THE WEST

Irrigation of These Regions Forms the Subject of Debate.

PHILIPPINE TARIFF BILL IN THE SENATE

Mr. Lodge Opens the Debate. The Measure is Made the Unfinished Business. Senator Lodge Urges Early Action Upon the Bill.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 21.—In the absence of other pressing business the House managers are all taking the widest latitude in the debate upon the Urgent Deficiency Bill before the House and all day today the debate begun yesterday proceeded. The irrigation of arid lands in the West and the advisability of retaining control of the Philippines were the main topics under discussion. The speakers were: Mr. Sibley (Penn.), Mr. Dinsmore (Ark.), Mr. Newlands (Nev.), Mr. Mondell (Wyo.), Mr. Robinson (Ind.), Mr. Kerns (Ills.), Mr. Gaines (Tenn.), Mr. Vandiver (Mo.), and Mr. Greene (Pa.). Mr. Gaines opposed the item in the bill providing for the establishment of a military post at Manila and made it the text for a general denunciation of the administration's policy in the Philippines.

Mr. Kahn (Cal.), challenged him to produce the name of a single Filipino who gave him such information. Mr. Gaines stated that the information had been given him in confidence and that if he were to divulge the names of those who had given it to him they would lose their heads. This reply elicited jeers from the Republican side.

THE PHILIPPINE TARIFF BILL

A Three Hours Discussion of the Measure in the Senate.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 21.—For nearly three hours today the Senate had under consideration the Philippine Tariff Bill. The measure was made the unfinished business and probably will hold that position of preference until it shall have been voted upon finally.

The debate upon the bill was opened by Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts, chairman of the Committee on Philippines. He sketched in a free hand way the reasons which had actuated the majority in presenting the measure and urged strongly its enactment into law at an early date.

Mr. Rawlins, of Utah, delivered a vigorous speech in support of the minority substitute, in which independence was promised to the Filipino people as soon as a stable government could be established in the Philippines. His discussion of the general Philippine question covered much of the ground that has been gone over during the past two years but throughout he was accorded careful attention.

Mr. Lodge reviewed briefly the past method of the Government of the Philippines by the United States, and then took up the recent Supreme Court decisions holding the Philippines to be domestic territory, and all duties levied upon articles void. There was, also, he said, doubt whether the tariff adopted for the islands themselves would stand without further action of Congress. There was, however, under the Supreme Court decisions, no doubt of the right of Congress to act.

Mr. Lodge called attention to the necessity of coastwise legislation for the islands under decisions of the Supreme Court. He said that the tariff as fixed by the Philippine Commission had been established only after the most careful investigations covering several months and it was obvious to the committee of the two houses that they could not hope to improve upon that act.

Mr. Lodge said that to discriminate in favor of the United States on products going to the Philippines would diminish the revenues and would break down the policy of the "open door."

The United States had by its firmness and its excellent diplomacy accomplished the establishment of that policy in China, and China would be for years the most important market for products of the United States.

He explained the Senate Committee's reduction of the Dingley rates to the extent of 25 per cent, saying that the committee had not felt it wise to make a further reduction.

The execution of the remaining duty could not be considered onerous in view of the fact that all the moneys thus collected would be returned to the Philippines.

of the free importation of hemp as in the interest of the agricultural element.

Mr. Spooner asked if the policy of refunding the export tax on hemp would not have the effect of causing all the hemp grown in the Philippines to be brought to the United States and thus deprive the Philippines of the entire revenue derived from that source.

Mr. Lodge replied that the provision applies only to hemp "for use in the United States." The regulation of that matter would have to be left to the Treasury Department, but he would be willing to so amend the bill as to relieve it of this possibility. He said in reply to Senator Foraker that this same objection to the removal of the export duty on hemp would apply to all other articles originating in the Philippines.

In reply to Mr. Bacon, Mr. Lodge said that the War Department had had to meet an emergency in issuing its order temporarily authorizing all vessels to engage in the coastwise trade of the Philippines. To have failed to do this would have wrecked the commerce of the islands and although the order might not have been authorized by law it was justified by the circumstances and by the certainty of speedy action by Congress.

Mr. Lodge said he had no desire to go beyond the present situation. The minority proposes to sweep away all tariff and to encourage the Filipinos to leave us. They also made large promises for the future. As for his mind it was certainly clear as to what we should do with the Philippines in the future, but he would never willingly agree to put into

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FIRE AT HIGH POINT

The Plant of the Snow Basket Company Destroyed Yesterday Morning.

(Special to News and Observer.) High Point, N. C., Jan. 21.—This morning about ten minutes past 12 o'clock the plant of Snow Basket Company, caught fire in the second story of the building and was destroyed. The origin of the fire is not definitely known. A watchman was on duty, but he did not see the fire in time to put it out. The plant was insured for \$2,500, about one-quarter the value of the property on hand. Owing to a let up in trade during the winter months a very large amount of baskets had accumulated, which makes the loss heavier than would have otherwise been. The safe and the office fixtures were saved.

The Welch Furniture Company, High Point Mantel and Table Company and American Lumber Company's plant, in close proximity were in danger for some time, but the latter was the most exposed. While this is a loss of one factory another which was organized this week, will make the number even. The Bickford Wheel Company, with a capital stock of \$15,000 will be located near the plant of the High Point Buggy Company, and work will commence soon. Outside parties will furnish about one-half of the capital.

ALL IS QUIET AT PANAMA.

Liberals Had Seventeen Wounded. Dead Not Given.

(By the Associated Press.) Panama, Colombia, Jan. 21.—All is quiet here today. General Herrera, the Revolutionary leader, informed Captain Mead, of the United States cruiser Philadelphia, that he came here to prevent the Colombian Government using the steamer Lautaro against the Liberals. He had accomplished this and therefore retired. The Revolutionists had 17 wounded in yesterday's engagement. The number killed cannot be precisely ascertained.

Of the Government forces five men were killed and four wounded.

Arjona Succeeds Alban.

New York, Jan. 21.—The Colombian consul, Mr. Brigard received the following dispatch from Panama, dated January 20.

"General Alban attacked the rebel fleet today and perished on board steamship Lautaro. Have taken over command and am prepared to defend city with 1,000 men."

The dispatch was signed by Arjona, who was General Alban's secretary.

STRICKEN FROM THE LIST.

The American Tobacco Company's Common Stock.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 21.—The common stock of the American Tobacco Company was stricken from the list of the stock exchange today. This action was taken upon information from the company that all of the stock but about 1 per cent had been exchanged for Consolidated Tobacco Company 4 per cent bonds under the terms of that company's offer. The recent rise in price of American Tobacco untraded stock to 200, an advance of about 180 in two weeks, gave rise to apprehension that a speculative corner was threatened.

RIVER AND HARBOR PROJECTS.

Delegations From North Carolina, Virginia and Florida Are Heard.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 21.—The River and Harbors Committee today considered the projects in Florida and North Carolina and the improvement of the Appomattox River below Petersburg, Va., hearing delegations from the several sections.

FOR WATERWAYS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Appropriations Urged Before House Committee.

HALF A MILLION ASKED

List of Rivers and Harbors and the Appropriations.

LARGEST SUM ASKED FOR THE CAPE FEAR

For the Upper River \$250,000 is Urged on Account of the \$1,320,000 Recommended by Engineers. Thomas and Bellamy's Services.

(Special to News and Observer.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—Our delegation went in a body today and presented North Carolina's claims for river and harbor improvements to the House Committee.

The following appropriations were urged:

- Pamlico and Tar Rivers \$20,500. Beaufort Harbor \$3,000. Scuppernon River \$14,000. Edenton Bay Harbor \$6,000. Inland water route from Norfolk to Albemarle Sound \$14,000. Upper Cape Fear River \$250,000, "on account of the \$1,320,000 recommended by engineers." Lower Cape Fear River \$140,000. Charlotte River \$30,000. Neuse River \$15,000. Trent River \$5,000. Bogue Inlet and Waterway between New River and Beaufort \$950. New River \$3,000. Northeast River \$2,000. Black River \$2,000.

The delegation also urged that the following streams be surveyed: Perquimans River; Indian Island Slough; Lockwood's Folly River; Livingston Creek; Shelter River; Big Swift Creek, Craven county; Neuse River, between New Bern and Goldsboro; Carrott Island slough.

Representative Bellamy has secured \$1,000 for removing obstructions at the mouth of Brunswick river. Representative Thomas has secured a favorable report for a life savings station at Bogue Inlet, Onslow county. Senator James K. Jones, Democratic National Chairman, voices an opinion that is held by many here. He says: "The impression is very general that not really in good faith, but is intended to delay action on the canal bill. Ever since the canal bill has been under consideration there has always been something to be put forth, the result of which has been to prevent action. I think the people of this country are so earnest in their desire for a canal that action can no longer be delayed. Congress will not be inclined, I think, to depart from the Nicaragua route, after the long discussion that has been devoted to this question, extending over so many years."

All North Carolinians who have visited the White House during the past thirty years remember Arthur Simmons, the polite and affable colored man who has been at the White House almost continuously since Andrew Johnson appointed him door-keeper of the room of the Private Secretary. He is not now at his post, being ill at his home.

Hon. Theo. F. Klutz has presented to the House the petition of H. M. Turner and others, of Salisbury, in favor of more stringent immigration laws. Emma J. Sadler has been appointed postmaster at Bolls.

These new postmasters have been appointed in North Carolina: John L. Brookshire, at Flat Rock; Wm. A. Lambrecht at Glenburnie; Mattie H. Alston at Silk Hope; Robert E. Roper at Table Rock; and Alonza J. Turner at Tharon. A new post office has been established at Oxide, Transylvania county.

RECIPROCITY WITH CUBA.

President Young Says Movements is Directed Against Our Tobacco and Sugar.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—The Ways and Means Committee today resumed its hearings on Cuban reciprocity with special reference to the proposed reduction on Cuban tobacco. The tobacco interests of the United States were largely represented by the officers of the large leaf manufacturers and growers association being present.

John R. Young, President of the National Leaf Tobacco Association made an earnest plea against any tobacco concessions to Cuba. He said there undoubtedly was a public sentiment in favor of granting relief to Cuba, but he contended that we should be as just to the people of our country as to the people of foreign countries.

The purpose of the movement for reciprocity, he said, was to have the whole expense of Cuba's relief fall on two American industries—tobacco and sugar. As to cigars, Mr. Young declared that the proposed concessions would "wipe out the American made ten cent cigar." The Cuban cigar makers would lay down a cigar here for less than the American manufacturers receive for his high grade goods, and the Cubans would have the advantage of having his goods advertised as "imported cigars." This Mr. Young said, would secure for Cuba the entire

American market for all goods above five cents.

Representative Richardson, of Tennessee, asked if the price of cigars would be reduced to the cigar smoker.

Mr. Young said the price would be reduced, but he did not believe the consumer would ask this reduction at the expense of the American industry.

J. Wertheim, of New York, head of a cigar concern employing 6,000 people presented the serious effect of concessions on the American cigar interests.

George Storm, President of the American Tobacco Growers' Association, and also an extensive cigar manufacturer, argued against concessions to Cuba. He stated that the tobacco interests of Cuba were not as much depressed as represented, that they were prosperous and enjoyed great advantages in the American market and that in effect they now desired an absolute monopoly of the American market. If the calamity of annexation came, Mr. Storm said the tobacco interests would bow to it, but for the present they protested against a movement calculated to enrich the tobacco and cigar industries of Cuba and destroy those of the United States.

At the afternoon session President Coleman, of the New York Tobacco Board of Trade, Daniel Harris, of the International Clear Makers Union, and several representatives of State tobacco interests were heard in opposition to any concessions to Cuba. L. V. DeAbed presented the Cuban view of the tobacco question, arguing that for political and social, as well as economic reasons, a reduction should be made in the duties on tobacco coming from Cuba.

APPEAL BY SCHLEY

It Receives the Admiral's Approval and Goes to the President.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 21.—Rear Admiral and Mrs. Schley arrived in Washington today after a ten days' visit to Savannah.

Messrs. Isidor Rayner and M. A. Teague, counsel for Rear Admiral Schley, reached Washington this forenoon with the text of the Admiral's appeal to the President, which they had prepared in Baltimore, and which they proceeded to submit to the Admiral. The appeal is a long one, covering about 120 typewritten pages.

After a conference lasting several hours with his counsel, Admiral Schley approved the appeal from the findings of the Court of Inquiry, and it was delivered to the President late this afternoon by Mr. Teague. The appeal sets out the sound of error upon points of law and facts alleged of his contention that he has been unfairly dealt with. Admiral Schley and his counsel refused to make the appeal public. They say it must be given out at the White House. Admiral Schley expects to leave for Chicago on Thursday.

FOUND DEAD IN SKIFF.

Coroner's Jury Say Mr. Pearce Died of Congestion of Lungs and Kidneys.

(By the Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., Jan. 21.—John L. Pearce, thirty years of age, prominent in social circles in Norfolk, and cashier for the Standard Oil Company's branch here, was found dead this morning by a newsboy.

The body was in a small skiff in Roanoke dock. No possible clue to the cause of Mr. Pearce's presence in that locality has been found. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict giving congestion of the lungs and kidneys as the cause of death. Mr. Pearce had not been drinking and the affair is shrouded in mystery. The body shows no marks of violence.

His books are in excellent condition and there is nothing to indicate suicide. He had been hunting at Virginia Beach all of yesterday and was in good health and spirits.

ASHENBACK IN THE WEST

Working to Get Winston-Salem to Put a Team Into the Field.

(Special to News and Observer.) Winston-Salem, N. C., Jan. 21.—E. M. Ashenback, of Raleigh, is here talking baseball, endeavoring to get the town to put a team in the proposed North Carolina circuit. He is confident Greensboro will join.

Major J. E. Alexander, law partner of District Attorney Holton, will not practice in the Federal courts of this district any more except in civil cases, where the Government is not to be represented by the District Attorney.

Richmond Wants the Prince.

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Jan. 21.—Prominent German-American residents of this city have organized a movement to invite Prince Henry of Prussia to visit Richmond during his stay in this country.

These gentlemen have held a conference with the German Consul here, and as a result an invitation has been prepared and will be mailed to the German Ambassador, to be presented to Prince Henry, with the signatures of all German residents of the city attached to it.

General Longstreet to Retire.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 21.—Senator Morgan today introduced a bill placing General James Longstreet on the retired list of the army with the rank of Major, the rank he held when he entered the service of the Confederacy at the beginning of the Civil War.

DANIEL L. STILL HAS HIS HOPES

Camping on the Trail of Handsome Harry.

THE PILGRIMS GET HOME

Say Not Even Pritchard is Pleased With Results.

THE ATTORNEYSHIP STILL DANGLES

Russell Keeps Busy Securing More Endorsements While Bernard Has Nothing to Say But That He is Out of the Contest.

They are coming back home. In little groups they straggle back to North Carolina.

These be the North Carolina pilgrims who went to the national capital to help Roosevelt make up his mind how the pie ought to be handed out.

Of all the visiting assortment that stood in line and heard Bernard thump as he hit the ceiling, only Dr. Abbott remains at the main office of the great pie distributor in Washington.

And he returns today. Yesterday Major H. L. Grant, having with him Claude M. Bernard with his busted hopes, alighted from the train, while H. F. Seawell kept on towards his home in Moore county.

Last night Col. John Nichols arrived. He had his grip with him. Claude M. had lost his.

"What about the District Attorneyship, Colonel?"

"Not a word to say."

"Has Bernard really given up all hope?"

"It looks like Skinner has the place."

"Tell me about the affair?"

"Not a word. I won't say anything till I've seen Bernard."

And that's all that Col. Nichols would say of how he regarded the situation, the only hope of hearing more of it being to wait till he "has seen Bernard."

An after supper visit was paid to Maj. H. L. Grant. He, Marshal Dockery and other friends were enjoying rest from business cares.

"How were things when you left Washington, Major?"

"In what way?"

"Why, about Bernard's withdrawal and the plum going to Skinner."

"Everybody I've seen is hot about it. The feeling is intense. Even Senator Pritchard is not satisfied."

"But Skinner's got it?"

"It looks like he's the winner."

"Well, I don't know," said Marshal Dockery. "There's Judge Russell to be accounted for. Do you know that he is still securing endorsements for himself as District Attorney?"

"You don't say so!"

"Yes, I do. He's after the place yet, and he is going to keep after it till the appointment is made."

"But I thought Skinner had the thing cinched?"

"Perhaps so, but the President has not said it, neither has the Attorney General. Here's the situation: Bernard has withdrawn, Skinner has Senator Pritchard's support, and Russell is working like a beaver. It may be that neither will get it, and that Claude Bernard will succeed himself as District Attorney."

Here Col. Grant broke in. "Oh, that's all nonsense about Russell. He's not got a shot of a chance."

"What about the control of the distribution of offices in the East, Major?"

"That's going to be done by a committee. In fact the campaign will be in the hands of a double-jointed committee, one in the East, one in the West."

"When will it be formed?"

"In the next thirty days. We'll have a meeting and arrange for this committee."

"Who is going to be on it?"

"Can't say. Don't even know of how many members it will consist. But it is going to be formed and it will control the Eastern North Carolina patronage. The Western Republicans will not like this arrangement, but it's going to be done."

Major Grant has all along counted on Claude as a winner, but he's not over that idea now, and he evidently thinks Harry has a sure thing. He is not pleased, and he represents the great majority of the Republicans, who took a long breath when Bernard was sent "way back and set down," and the once-Populist Skinner, Free Silver Party Keith were reported as having gripped the Attorneyship and the Collectorship at Wilmington. When the "faithful" meet in Raleigh to select the Eastern Committee on The Way How To Correctly Distribute the Washington Brand of Pie with the Roosevelt trade mark there's sure to be a responding wail.

A word was had with Bernard last night. He did not want to talk, but finally did. It was brief and to the point.

"I'm out of it," he said. "I had no string tied to my withdrawal, nor was there any mental reservation."

"Your friends say you ought to get it yet."

"My friends are not authorized to speak for me. I meant what I said. I'm not in the contest any longer. I've withdrawn."

Dr. Abbott will probably be with us today, and all the pilgrims who have preceded him will want to hear what the final word is. Some are in doubt, but

the outlook is that there will be no change in plans, and that it will be:

Harry Skinner, District Attorney. B. F. Keith, Collector of Customs. Salt River for the rest.

TO BE HANGED IN MARCH.

Eighteen Year Old Negro Sentenced For Assault on an Aged White Woman.

(By the Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., Jan. 21.—There was quick justice administered to Neal Stanback, the 18-year-old negro who, on Saturday evening, assaulted Mrs. Elizabeth Preifer, 70-year-old white woman, a few miles out in Norfolk county. Stanback was caught red handed by a party of white men, brought to the county jail and locked up. Large mobs made attempts to lynch him but failed. Today he was indicted by a grand jury, tried, convicted and sentenced to hang on March 12. His victim testified against him.

An Order For Thirty Locomotives.

(By the Associated Press.) Roanoke, Va., Jan. 21.—The Norfolk and Western Railroad Company has just placed an order for thirty locomotives, which will be of the large class "W" type, the largest in use on the line and the class that has proved satisfactory in hauling heavy coal trains over the mountain divisions of the road. Fifteen of these are to come from the Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia, and the remaining fifteen from the Richmond Locomotive Works at Richmond, Va.

A WOMAN'S CHARGES

President Mitchell Accused of Shielding Treasurer Pearce.

(By the Associated Press.) Indianapolis, Jan. 21.—Charges against President Mitchell, Secretary Wilson and the Executive Board of the U. M. W. of America, were the first order of business before the convention today and the unexpected announcement that the charges would be taken up caused a flurry of excitement in the convention. President Mitchell in a voice full of emotion said he was unwilling to have the election of officers proceed until these charges had been investigated. He resigned the gavel and the charges were read by their author, Miss Millie Meredith.

The young woman's statement concerned the alleged defalcation of ex-Secretary Treasurer Pearce and alleged that President Mitchell and Secretary-Treasurer Wilson did not give out all the facts concerning Pearce's actions and that they "willfully lied" to the Miners' Committee a year ago.

She demanded an investigation of the books to see how much Pearce's alleged defalcation really was. She intimated that both Mitchell and Wilson sought to protect Pearce and for that reason did not give out all the facts.

At the conclusion of Miss Meredith's statement, Secretary-Treasurer Wilson denied the truth of the statement and said it was the outgrowth of spite. Miss Meredith, he said, was recently let out as an assistant secretary. She is the young woman to whom a gold medal was presented for discovering the Pearce shortage.

Kern Removed to New Orleans.

(By the Associated Press.) New Orleans, La., Jan. 21.—Valct Edouard Kern, who is wanted in New York for the Thebaud robbery, was removed from Gretna today to New Orleans prison, Klein and West, the men charged with stealing the jewelry which Kern himself stole were placed on trial in the criminal court, but their case was finally postponed to Saturday. Kern, therefore, is not likely to be taken east before Saturday night. Kern, when arraigned as a material witness said his name was Maners. He would not answer to the name of Kern.

Telegraphers to Hold Speed Contest.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Jan. 21.—The telegraphers of the South will hold a fast sending tournament in Atlanta February 23. The contest will be representative of Southern telegraphers and the tournament therefore is open only to those south of the Ohio river.

The prizes as far as determined, will be a gold medal and \$50 in cash to the winner, \$35 as second prize, and \$15 to the third best man. Other classes will be announced later. The contest is open to all those engaged in telegraphing and includes railroad operators.

Two Murderers Hanged.

(By the Associated Press.) Mississippi City, Miss., Jan. 21.—Lewis Johnson, the assassin of City Marshal Richardson, of Gulfport, and Victor Johnson, who murdered a little girl at Pass Christian, were hanged here today from the same scaffold in the presence of a large crowd.

Lewis was seized with religious fervor and shouted from the trap while Victor was too badly frightened to speak.

Train Robber Logan Indicted.

(By the Associated Press.) Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 21.—The Knox County Circuit Court grand jury today returned two indictments against Harvey Logan, the alleged Montana train robber, charging him with shooting Peabody Dinwiddie and Saylor with intent to kill, and with felonious assault on Luther Brady.