

CONDITIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

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Lawless Americans Make Trouble—Church Will Soon Be Americanized—Revenue Inadequate.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The president today sent to the senate the annual report of the Philippine commission, including the report of the civil governor of the Philippines and the reports of the heads of the executive departments for the period ended Dec. 31, 1903. The report of the commission contains a detailed statement by the auditor for the islands of expenditures under the appropriation of \$3,600,000 for the relief of distress in the islands.

SUFFERINGS OF PEOPLE.

Gov. Taft says the year was one of much suffering among the people of the Philippines, on account of a short food supply, but that the worst is passed. While he does not consider the future as bright as it might be, he believes we are beginning an era in the history of the islands which, with the assistance of proper tariff reduction in the United States and proper navigation laws for the islands, will be one of decided material developments.

LESS LADRONISM.

Speaking of the conditions in the islands, Gov. Taft says that at no time has there been less ladronism than when the report was written, Dec. 19, 1903.

Speaking of the scouts with the constabulary, Gov. Taft says: "In this country it is politically most important that the Philippines should support Filipino disturbances and arrest Filipino outlaws."

DISSOLUTE AMERICANS.

One of the greatest obstacles with which the government has had to contend, he says, has been the presence of dissolute, drunken and lawless Americans, who are willing to associate with low Filipino women and live on the proceeds of their labor. To rid the country of this class of Americans the commission passed what is known as the "dissolute Americans" and vagrancy acts.

Gov. Taft reviews at length the negotiations leading up to the present status of the friars' land settlement. He says he is officially informed that the number of friars in the islands is 246, as compared with 1013 in the figures given by the apostolic delegate in 1898. Gov. Taft says:

AMERICANIZING CHURCH.

"Whatever may happen during the first few months of the coming of the American bishops, it is certain that the spirit of the American Catholic church is so different from that of the Spanish church, from a political standpoint, that the influence of the Spanish friars will gradually wane, and that of the American bishops become controlling, bringing about that which we so much desire, the Americanizing of the Roman Catholic church in the Philippines."

To prevent further falling off in the product of leaf tobacco Gov. Taft urges the reduction of the duty of 5 per cent of the Dingley tariff rates.

POLITICAL CONDITIONS.

Gov. Taft says political conditions on the islands make the time ripe for a period of great construction. During the next decade railroads, canal and steamship companies, he says, should revolutionize the interior trade of the islands and should have a marked effect on the export trade. For this reason he recommends that the Philippine commission be authorized, with the approval of the secretary of war and the president, to enter into contracts with railroad companies, to whom a franchise for the construction of a road shall be given, which shall be an income of not exceeding 4 per cent and probably not exceeding 3 per cent shall be guaranteed on the investment, the amount of which shall be fixed in the law.

Concerning the cholera epidemic which began in March, 1902, the report says the number of cases was more than 150,000, and the number of deaths more than 100,000. In Manila the epidemic is decreasing, due to a better water supply. This remedy, it is believed, finally will be the solution of the health problem.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There has been a great increase in school attendance in all the islands, but one. Still, only about 150,000, or 10 per cent of the population of school age, are receiving public instruction. Teachers and school houses are among the crying needs of the islands. Gov. Taft says several million dollars could be well expended in the erection of large, airy and healthy schoolhouses, and that the number of teachers well might be multiplied by seven.

REVENUES OF ISLANDS.

The revenues of the islands for the year ended June 30, 1903, exceeded those of the previous year, but Gov. Taft says that by reason of the necessary extraordinary expenditure considerable deficit will be made, should they continue to the end of the present fiscal year. He says it seems to him that a congressional act authorizing the issuing of bonds for permanent improvement in the islands, not exceeding \$5,000,000 each issue, would not be conferring on the commission or legislature of the islands excessive authority, and that it is really a necessary provision to prevent possible financial embarrassment.

SULTAN OF JOLO.

Gov. Taft says the sultan of Jolo long since has violated the Bates agreement and has forfeited all his rights under it. Gov. Taft pronounces him a gambler and an intriguer, with a spark of courage or patriotic and fraternal interest in his people, one who runs his

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whole system of government solely for the exaction of taxes. Gen. Wood, when appointed governor of the Moro province, began a collection of the cases of gross violation of obligations by the Sultan under the Bates treaty, and Gen. Wood's report is appended.

Gen. Woods says force seems to be the only method of reaching the Moros and beginning civilized restraints upon them.

Loan to St. Louis Fair.

Washington, Feb. 1.—An extended explanation of the proposed loan of \$4,000,000 by the government to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company was made today by David R. Francis, president of the company, to the house committee on industrial arts and exhibitions. Chairman Tamm announced that the senate committee had the matter under consideration as an amendment to the urgent deficiency appropriation bill. It was proposed to have this amendment introduced in the house in the form of a new bill. The hearing today was held to permit members to be informed as to just what the proposition was in the event that favorable action taken in the senate.

Mr. Francis repeated every feature of the enterprise at length. Foreign governments had appropriated a total of \$7,500,000 for their buildings and exhibits. The states and territories have appropriated an aggregate of \$7,000,000. He said the estimate of \$15,000,000 as the cost of the exposition had been found to be decidedly too low. Chicago had expended \$22,000,000 before opening the gates. With the loan now asked the exposition would be able to represent an expenditure of \$13,000,000.

The increased cost of labor as compared with this item of expenses at the Chicago exposition, he said, amounted to at least 50 per cent of the cost of the exposition, and this increase alone amounted to at least \$7,500,000.

The Browns Are Defeated.

Denver, Feb. 1.—James H. Brown and his father, Henry C. Brown, have been defeated in their long and bitter fight with the New York Life Insurance company and other creditors of the late J. C. Brown estate, over the right to have the property bequeathed by the will of Jane C. Brown sold to satisfy encumbrances on the Brown Palace hotel. The county court said it could.

The principal point involved was whether other property bequeathed by the will of Jane C. Brown could be sold to satisfy encumbrances on the Brown Palace hotel. The county court said it could.

The supreme court decides that if encumbrances on the hotel are to be satisfied they must not be paid off from the proceeds of the sale of other property. In brief, the Brown hotel must be sold to settle its own encumbrances. Justice John Campbell rendered the opinion.

Fred Lewis Must Die.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 1.—The supreme court today affirmed the judgment of the lower court which found Fred Lewis, alias Fred Collins, one Union bank robber, who, with William Rudolph, murdered Charles J. Schumacher, a Pinkerton detective, in resisting arrest in January, 1903, guilty of murder in the first degree, and fixed March 11 as the date of his execution. Rudolph escaped from the St. Louis city jail and is still a fugitive from justice.

HIGH WINDS SWEEP COLORADO AND WYOMING.

Passenger Train Wrecked by a Gale, Cars Being Blown Over and Many People Injured.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 1.—High winds prevailed today along the eastern slope of the Rocky mountains in Colorado and Wyoming and considerable damage to property was wrought. In Denver two men lost their lives as a direct result of the gale. Charles Ormsby and William Daniels came in contact with a live electric wire which had been blown from its fastenings into the street and were instantly killed by the shock.

Reports are being received from points in northern Colorado telling of the destruction of farm buildings and the falling of trees, small buildings, chimneys, etc., in the towns. Numerous fires were started, but as yet no reports of serious losses from this source have been received.

A special to the News from Idaho Springs, Colo., says: "A passenger train on the Colorado & Southern railroad, which left Denver this morning for Georgetown, was wrecked by a gale, two coaches and a combination baggage and express car being blown over and badly damaged. The engine and tender remained on the track."

"Four of the train crew and one passenger were injured. The list follows: J. K. Robinson, express messenger, Denver, ribs broken, internally injured, may die; W. Straight, banker, Dunlap, Kan., hand and hip injured; M. Smith, brakeman, Denver, wrist hurt and face badly cut; Patrick O'Meara, conductor, head cut; A. S. Hurley, news agent, Denver, face cut and bruised."

"The train had come to a standstill about 1,500 feet from the station in Georgetown, being unable to proceed further because of the wind."

"While waiting for the gale to subside, the cars were lifted from the rails by the wind and forced over on their sides. The passengers and crew were thrown with great force against the sides of the cars, but were able to escape through the doors and windows. It is believed that Messenger Robinson's injuries were due to trunks falling upon him."

"It was several hours before the news of the accident could be sent to Denver, as the telephone and telegraph wires were prostrated by the wind."

"A special relief train sent from the latter city encountered poles and wires strewn over the track in many places, and with difficulty reached its destination."

"The severely injured were taken to a

hospital in Georgetown for treatment. "The wind in this vicinity and in Georgetown did considerable damage. "Traffic on this branch of the Colorado & Southern was interrupted for several hours."

AT FORT COLLINS.

Fort Collins, Colo., Feb. 1.—A gale, which attained a velocity of 90 miles an hour, prevailed here during the forenoon today, and caused considerable damage by blowing off roofs of houses and breaking windows. Seven fires started while the gale was at its height, and for a time they threatened the destruction of the town. Hundreds of citizens aided the firemen in fighting the fires, and they were brought under control after several houses and barns had been destroyed.

IN WYOMING.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 1.—The worst wind storm in the history of Cheyenne prevailed today. Stones half an inch in diameter were sent hurtling through the air and many windows were broken. The wind attained a velocity of 85 miles an hour, and numerous fences, outbuildings and barns were blown down.

Where is Mrs. Maybrick?

London, Feb. 2.—The whereabouts of Mrs. Maybrick is variously announced in the newspapers this morning as Cornwall, Holloway prison, at sea bound for the United States, etc.

The Daily Chronicle, which is under the same ownership as Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper, the journal that on Sunday published the story that Mrs. Maybrick's release, declares the statement that Mrs. Maybrick has sailed for the United States to be untrue, and adds that she is still in England, and that certain conditions attached to her liberation impel her to exercise great discretion in her attitude toward the public and for a time at least it will only be possible for her to acknowledge through the press her gratitude for the efforts of her sympathizers in obtaining her release.

The Daily News says the whereabouts of the institution in which Mrs. Maybrick is recuperating is kept a profound secret, because she is still in the custody of the authorities.

"In fact," the paper says, "Mrs. Maybrick and her custodians are concealing their identity, and this is necessitated by her being privileged to talk abroad with her female wardens. It is understood that after a period of rest she will return to either Woking or Holloway prison to receive her formal discharge on special license."

Leadville Typhoid Epidemic.

Denver, Feb. 2.—The News today says: It has been authentically learned that the typhoid epidemic which has raged in Leadville, Colo., was caused by impure and deleterious water. Dr. Mitchell, state bacteriologist, has completed an analysis of the water and milk supply of Leadville and traced the typhoid germ to the water. Dr. Mitchell conducted the analysis for the city of Leadville.

Nordica Gets a Divorce.

New York, Feb. 2.—Madame Nordica, the prima donna, who in private life is Mrs. Lillian M. Doeme, was today granted an interlocutory decree of divorce by Justice Bischoff, in the supreme court.

Justice Bischoff's decree was granted on the report of the referee who was appointed by the supreme court to take the testimony in the suit.

All the papers in the case except the decrees were sealed up by order of the court. The referee who was appointed by the supreme court to take the testimony in the suit, the referee has found Zoltan Doeme, the defendant, a well known tenor, guilty of adultery.

No provision is made for any alimony for Madame Nordica.



The case of Miss Frankie Orser, of Boston, Mass., is interesting to all women.

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DIETRICH WANTS AN INVESTIGATION.

Senators Hoar, Platt (Conn.), Spooner, Cockrell and Pettus Appointed Committee to Conduct It.

MORGAN SEEKS INFORMATION.

Says Any Effort to Obtain It from President is Regarded as Lèse Majesté.

Washington, Feb. 1.—In the senate today, after routine business, Mr. Dietrich of Nebraska, rising to a question of personal privilege regarding the recent indictment against him in connection with the postoffice patronage in Nebraska, read a statement regarding the court proceedings and his acquittal on the ground that he was not a senator at the time his alleged malfeasance was said to have occurred.

He said he felt an explanation was due the senate to determine whether he was to sit in the senate, and he offered a resolution authorizing the president pro tem to appoint a committee of five to make a full investigation and report to the senate concerning the charge and his acquittal.

The charges related to the postoffice at Hastings, Neb., the appointment of Jacob Fisher as a postmaster and the selection of a building owned by Dietrich as a postoffice.

Mr. Dietrich was charged with accepting a bribe, but the charge was disposed of by the court in Nebraska without a full investigation having been had.

Mr. Tillman of South Carolina suggested that the investigation should be conducted by the committee on privileges and elections. He said the charges affected the integrity and honor of the senator from Nebraska and his right to sit in the senate.

Mr. Morgan, chairman of the committee mentioned, said he had investigated thoroughly the charges against Mr. Dietrich and had looked into precedents in such cases and such matters had never before gone to the committee on privileges and elections and he advised the adoption of the resolution as submitted.

The resolution was adopted and Senators Hoar, Platt (Conn.), Spooner, Cockrell and Pettus were appointed to investigate.

Mr. Tillman's resolution instructing the secretary of the treasury to send to the senate information in regard to the appointment of William D. Crum as collector of the port of Charleston, S. C., was laid before the senate.

Mr. Tillman said he believed he had all the information needed which could be given by Secy. Shaw, and he asked to have printed in the Record and as a document to be distributed from the secretary of war in regard to recent appointments. He said the information contained in that communication had a direct bearing on the Crum case. The order was made as he requested.

Mr. Morgan took the floor in support of his resolution calling on the attorney-general to report whether he has made, on behalf of the United States, a purchase of the new Panama Canal company of any property rights that were granted to the republic of Colombia by N. B. Wyse et al.

Mr. Morgan reviewed the expenditures that were made by the old canal company and the wrecking of that company.

"Unless the facts have been greatly misstated," he said, "Bunau-Varilla, the present minister from Panama to the United States, was one of the chief men in the company."

The present minister from Panama was held up by Mr. Morgan in a most unenviable light.

Mr. Morgan declared that there is a spirit of political domination toward the minority in the senate which regards as lese majesté any effort to secure information as to the president's part in affairs in which the senate is interested.

Under the circumstances he could not bind himself to a contract to be filled out by the Panama Canal company, as under the terms of article 22 of the treaty that company would have the right to do. Under that article Mr. Morgan asserted there is no limit as to the amount to be paid the company.

Mr. Morgan asserted that Panama could have no choice but to do the will of the canal company. This could not, however, explain the voluntary act of the United States in tying its own hands in the interest of the company.

In this connection he discussed the part played by the republic of France in the Panama negotiation, saying that the United States had made it a condition of the treaty that France should surrender to fraud and iniquity and it had done so under pressure from France.

Discussing the terms of the treaty, Mr. Morgan declared that the effort had been made between the United States and the canal company and he said the company could "afford to pay to Panama \$10,000,000 of her winnings in a game which was without equal in depravity."

Mr. Morgan traced the connection of M. Bunau-Varilla with the Panama revolution, and declared that according to his own showing Bunau-Varilla should be pronounced a person non grato in the United States. He asserted that if a member of Congress were guilty of such conduct as Bunau-Varilla had been guilty of, he would be made the subject of "condign punishment."

He asserted that the new Panama Canal company had never done an honest day's work on the canal, and declared that the intrusion of that company into the controversy was offensive and intolerable.

"About this treaty," he went on, "there is an atmosphere of degradation against which the people revolt."

Mr. Morgan closed with a reference to his long advocacy of an isthmian canal and to the attitude of the south toward the canal project, saying that section was still "unmoved by mercenary temptations."

At 3:50 the senate went into executive session, and at 4:00 adjourned.

Senator Burton Refuse to Talk.

St. Louis, Feb. 1.—United States Senator J. R. Burton arrived here today from his home in Abilene, Kansas, to consult with his attorney and the federal officers concerning his trial on the indictment charging him with accepting money for the use of his influence to prevent the issuance of a fraud order against the Rialto Grain & Securities company.

Senator Burton said he would soon resume his duties in the senate. He refused to discuss the indictment.

Delegate M. S. Otero Dead.

Albuquerque, N. M., Feb. 2.—M. S. Otero, probably the wealthiest man in New Mexico, delegate in Congress from 1878 to 1885, and one of the leading business men of the territory, is dead at his home here of apoplexy. He was a cousin of M. O. Otero, at present governor of New Mexico. A widow and five children survive him.

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