

PHILIPPINE TARIFF HEARING

Patterson Favors Making the Sessions Open.

STAR CHAMBER PROCEDURE.

Newspapers Complain That Senate Investigation on Islands Partakes of That Nature.

Washington, Feb. 12.—With the exception of a sharp clash between Mr. Teller and Mr. Patterson over the matter of admission of representatives of the press to the hearings on the Philippine tariff bill, the session of the senate today was quiet. The Colorado senator desired that all newspaper men be admitted to the committee hearings, declaring that as now conducted they were of a star chamber character. He said his recollection was that Mr. Teller had suggested that the hearings be entirely secret.

This drew the fire of the Massachusetts senator, who indignantly denied that he had suggested anything of the kind. He insisted that the press associations were accurate and fair to both sides of the controversy.

A communication from the secretary of war, transmitting the Philippine Islands Federal part of American rule in the islands called from Mr. Patterson the statement that the Federal part in the Philippines is to be conducted in the Philippines in a manner that would be admitted ultimately to statehood in the United States.

Mr. Teller occupied the attention of the senate during the greater part of the session and has not yet completed his speech.

At the conclusion of routine business, the senate resumed consideration of the Philippine tariff bill. Mr. Teller, regarding it certain that the senate would continue to be held by the Federal States for four years, perhaps longer. In his judgment the United States was not morally in possession of the islands. He thought when the United States government entered the islands the Philippines were in the hands of Spain. In view of that fact they could not be considered now as guilty of treason against the United States.

In response to some statements made during the debate of yesterday, Mr. Teller asserted that the prominent commanders of the American army did not agree with the conclusions reached by the members of the Philippine commission as to the reconciliation of the people of the Philippines. He mentioned among others, Gen. Chaffee.

Mr. Proctor of Vermont interrupted to say that today he had received a letter from Gen. Chaffee, dated at Manila Dec. 27, 1891, in which he said: "I say to you that we are progressing very well in stamping out the rebellion, and in the course of two or three months we will have the situation well in hand."

Gen. Chaffee believed that in a short time the Philippines would become a part of the United States, and they certainly would get tired before the American army did. He regarded it as a good indication that prominent Filipinos who had been before neutral, now were actively endeavoring to induce the insurgents to lay down their arms.

Mr. Teller suggested there was a difference between the "stamping out" of the rebellion and having the Philippines submit to American control.

Further along Mr. Spooner interrupted to inquire: "Has the United States done anything in the Philippines which meets the approval of the senator as just and beneficent?"

"We have done beneficent things," replied Mr. Teller. "We are accomplishing some things with a beneficent object, but I am here to complain of things we ought not to do. I am not here as a fault-finder, as I intend. I am here as an American senator, and after the senator from Wisconsin does not recognize that fact or he thinks I am."

Mr. Teller paid a high tribute to the statesmanship which dictated the policy of the United States toward China during the trouble two years ago. He did not know, he said, whether that policy originated with the late President McKinley or with Secy. of State Hay, but its wisdom had been demonstrated, and the whole world had been placed under obligations to the United States for its strict observance. "I believe," said the Colorado senator, "that if there could be as much statesmanship and wisdom and mercy applied to this Philippine trouble we should be able to get out of it with credit."

Mr. Teller quoted newspaper and magazine articles to show that cruelties and tortures were applied to Filipino insurgents with a view to forcing them to reveal the hiding places of their rifles. The particular torture upon which the Colorado senator dwelt was the water cure. On the authority of one writer, Mr. Teller said that 160 Filipinos to whom the water cure had been applied all but 26 had died from its effects. "If these statements are not true," said the senator, "the American government owes to itself that they be proved not to be true. I would be glad to know that they are a slander against our army."

Mr. Bacon of Georgia suggested that it might not be proper to charge the American army with these cruelties. The tortures were practiced, he thought, principally by the Macabebe scouts (natives), and perhaps by some of the more vicious elements of the army who were afforded opportunity by the presence of the army in the Philippines to carry into effect their vicious instincts. A prolonged running debate then occurred over the matter of the admission of press representatives to the hearing on the Philippine tariff bill, in which Senator Patterson made an argument in support of opening the committee hearings in the Philippine investigation to all the members of the press. By such an arrangement, he said, the country would receive every phase and color of the investigation, and correspondents would be afforded an opportunity to enlarge upon and offer suggestions concerning the testimony. He agreed with the complaining newspapers that the committee was conducting, in a sense, a star chamber hearing. The senate at 5 o'clock went into executive session, and five minutes later adjourned.

SIX DEAD, SIX ARE DYING.

Result of a Battle Between Kentucky Officers and Mountaineers.

Affair Took Place at the Famous Quartermaster Saloon Three and a Half Miles from Middleboro.

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 12.—A special to The Journal and Tribune from its Middleboro, Ky., correspondent, says: Six men are dead and as many more are dying as the result of a battle between officers from Middleboro and mountaineers. The battle, which was one of the most desperate in the history of mountain warfare, occurred between 4 and 6 o'clock this evening at Lee Turner's "Quartermaster" saloon, three and a half miles from Middleboro.

Last month some mules and other goods of Turner's were looted on in pay for a debt, and a few nights ago, it is alleged, he, with others, went to Virginia, where the property had been taken, secured what was formerly his, and returned to the "Quartermaster" saloon. Today Deputy Sheriff W. Thompson summoned a posse of 10 or 15 men for the purpose of arresting Turner at his saloon.

The Louisville & Nashville railroad refused to convey the officers to the saloon, and they walked through the mountains. Turner had heard that an attempt would be made to arrest him, and he and his men, 15 in number, gave the officers a warm reception.

The saloon was well suited for an attack like this. It was built of logs, and was surrounded by a 30-foot fence, in which loop holes were cut, so that the inmates could shoot at outsiders.

Turner's surrender was demanded. His reply was a round of shot, and Charles Cecil, of Middleboro, was riding a pony in plain view of the Turner men. Some one raised a window of the log house and shot Cecil in the head. Instantly the man at the window fell back pierced by half a dozen bullets. Then the firing began in earnest. The officers scattered, and hiding behind trees, poured a steady fire upon the mountain fortress. In the fight John Doyle, a railroad man, was shot in the hand.

The town men gathered closer around Turner's place, undaunted by the shots which whizzed around them. As soon as Cecil was killed, his companions determined to burn Turner's rendezvous. They threw a torch to the building, and the building was in flames. Several of the officers were killed.

The president, by a vote of the convention, was authorized to appoint the members of the finance, committee and credentials committees. She explained that the resolutions committee must be named by a vote of the delegates and that this could be done later.

The following chairmen were appointed: Finance, Miss Harriet May Mills, New York; courtesies, Miss Mary G. Hay, credentials, Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton.

The foreign delegates who were seated on the platform and who took great interest in the proceedings, listened to words of greeting from May Wright Sewall, Clara Barton, Susan B. Anthony and Rev. Anna H. Shaw.

Madame Sofia Levoyna Friedland of Russia responded saying that Russia had been a friend of America during the civil war and that close ties of friendship exist between the two countries. America, she said, had more than any other country displayed friendship toward Russia and had sent her ships there to protect her people from a most cruel enemy—hunger.

Mrs. Catt, the president, then delivered her annual address, which was listened to with marked attention. She was frequently interrupted by loud and prolonged applause.

The first session of the convention was given over to the pioneers, a number of whom occupied seats on the platform. Miss Susan B. Anthony presided, and greetings and addresses from a number of well known women were heard.

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MEMORIAL OF FEDERAL PARTY.

Filipinos Want Civil Government, Not Military Rule.

ANNEXATION IS DESIRED.

Anxious to Have Islands Declared an Integral Part of the United States.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The memorial of the Federal party of the Philippine Islands was transmitted to the senate this evening by the secretary of war, together with a letter of transmittal by Gov. Taft in whose charge the document was given. The memorial was adopted at an extraordinary session of the Federal party held in Manila in November.

It sets forth that the performance of that obligation of the treaty of Paris which gave the United States Congress authority to fix the status of the Philippine Islands had been deferred to this time because of the attack by the Filipinos upon the sovereignty of the United States, an act brought about, the memorial says, through a misapprehension, and not through hatred of the American sovereignty. It further states that out of the 60 provinces and districts war exists in only two—Batangas and Samar.

It also asserts that it is a demonstrated fact that the pueblos or towns anxiously desire "a definitive civil rule," and says that those who are still in arms allege that the lack of civil rule, "agreed upon and promulgated by the Congress of the United States as a necessary pretext for their bellicose attitude, which regime shall determine at once the political status and civil rights of the inhabitants of the archipelago, in accordance with the treaty of Paris."

The memorial then makes a presentation of the deduction of the Federal party that Congress should proceed to carry into effect its determination of defining the future of the Philippines in their relations to the United States, and asserts that there is no reason for not replacing the military regime by a civil rule of a popular character, in conformity with the decisive words of the never-to-be-forgotten President McKinley.

The memorial is divided into two parts. The first of these is a petition for annexation and a presentation of the form of government desired. In this subsection the Federal party sets forth that it has made an exhaustive study of both the Filipinos and the Americans, and concludes that from the mass of data collected it is "the intention of the two peoples which they should never be dissuaded."

The memorial announces as principles for the union the formation of a "more perfect union, establishment of justice, the insurance of domestic tranquility, promotion of the general welfare and the securing of blessings of liberty."

"To make the Philippines a colony of the United States, or to grant independence to the Philippines would be to hand the islands over to disorder and anarchy, to destruction and to the loss of all which we Filipinos were subjected under the Spanish government, and for this reason we reject every form of annexation, and would prefer to remain under the protection of the United States, with or without a protectorate, means a holding of power by all the tribal elements of the archipelago, and would be a prelude to anarchy, to destruction and to the loss of all which we Filipinos were subjected under the Spanish government, and for this reason we reject every form of annexation, and would prefer to remain under the protection of the United States, with or without a protectorate, means a holding of power by all the tribal elements of the archipelago, and would be a prelude to anarchy, to destruction and to the loss of all which we Filipinos were subjected under the Spanish government, and 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