

REPORT ON THE PHILIPPINES.

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LEADERS OF THE FILIPINOS

Have Cast Their Lot With the Americans—Catholic Church Has Aided Matters.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Secy. of War Taft has submitted to the president the annual report of the Philippines commission, together with the separate report of the commission to the civil governor of the islands and of the heads of the four departments.

The report says that as soon as the people came to understand that the government had both the ability and the will to protect them, they began to co-operate cordially with the constabulary and other peace officers by giving information against the lawless, so that it became possible to kill or capture them. As a result, the report says, not a single organized body of lawless is now to be found in the island of Luzon; nearly all the leaders, save five or six, have been killed or captured, and the same may be said of the Visayan islands, with the exception of Samar.

The commission adds that there is no reason to suppose that orderly conditions will be otherwise than permanent. The relations between Americans and Filipinos are said to be generally cordial, with a steady growth of confidence and good feeling between them.

"All those who are justly entitled to be called leaders of public opinion among the Filipinos," the report continues, "have definitely cast their lot with the Americans."

Regarding the Moros, the report says the great area of the Moro province, which includes practically all of the islands of Mindanao and the Sulu archipelago, except for 65,000 Filipinos, spoken of as descendants of convicts sent from the north by Spaniards, is inhabited by Moros, professing Mohammedanism, and by other non-Christian tribes. The authority of the sultan of Sulu was found, upon investigation, to be repudiated by datus in the Sulu archipelago, who possessed as much authority as he, although he was the titular head of the Moros. The report says:

"From time immemorial the Moros have practiced polygamy and have been accustomed to make raids upon other non-Christian tribes to replenish their stock of slaves, as well as to engage in piracy, while the Arabs taught them the use of firearms. The non-Christian tribes of the province as soon as they understood the Americans

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would protect them against their ancient foes, the Moros, were only too willing to recognize American authority and receive the benefits of protection. In a number of instances they have been induced to establish themselves in villages and till the adjacent soil. They are said not to be lacking in intelligence.

In speaking of the abrogation of the treaty with the sultan of Sulu, the report says:

"While it had never been recognized as valid and binding, and, indeed, as the provision relating to slavery had been repudiated by the president, still it had been lived up to by the Americans in every particular, including the payment of annual subsidies to the sultan and his principal datus, but it had been systematically and persistently violated by them."

The report says that a pacific policy toward the Moros seemed to give them the impression that the Americans were afraid of them, but a short, decisive campaign gave them to understand that the Americans had not only the power, but the power, to support their authority and enforce order. "There is no reason," it is added, "to expect further trouble with the Sulu Moros."

Referring to the conference with the sultan of Sulu at Manila, the report says that upon his explanation that the annulment of the treaty left him without means of subsistence, he being deprived of the revenues received as sultan, the commission thought it would be inequitable to permit this, and agreed to give him and the members of his household 12,000 pesos annually, with the understanding that he and they gave every aid to the governor. It was found that the Sulu Moros have a general system of laws, each tribe having an unwritten code of its own, but all so incongruous as to make them worthless as a basis upon which to build. As an illustration, it is stated that in some of the codes murder is punishable by a small fine, and in cases of adultery the man is fined and the woman buried alive.

With reference to the friar lands, the commission, after repeating the statements of opposition on the part of the majority of the Filipinos to the friars, says:

"The holy see, recognizing that the Filipinos were generally speaking, Roman Catholics, and the wisdom of supplying them with priests who would be acceptable to them, has appointed an American archbishop and bishops, who

would protect them against their ancient foes, the Moros, were only too willing to recognize American authority and receive the benefits of protection. In a number of instances they have been induced to establish themselves in villages and till the adjacent soil. They are said not to be lacking in intelligence.

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have taken the places formerly occupied by Spanish churches, and has pursued the wise and conciliatory policy of declining to force objectionable practices upon reluctant parishioners, and has brought its great influence to bear in facilitating the purchase by the government of the large landed properties under the control of the friar order.

The report says there still continues to be much controversy and ill-feeling between the independent Filipino church party, or Aglipayan, as they are commonly called, and the Roman apostolic church in regard to the churches, convents and cemeteries in many localities. The report says it has been charged that the movement inaugurated by Aglipay was political rather than religious, and had for its motive another insurrection; that it is unquestionably true that he has attracted a large following among the Filipinos, but it is also true that he has a large following of those who cannot thus be classified, and there is no evidence which even leads to the belief that his purposes are other than to build up a church of his own, which he seeks to make purely Filipino.

The report urges that the commission be given authority to make reductions in the tariff schedule, the commission saying in this connection that it always has felt there should exist most intimate trade relations between the United States and the islands, unobstructed, as far as possible, by tariff barriers. Having that in view, an internal revenue system has been put in force which the commission hopes ultimately may permit of material reductions in existing tariff rates, at least on goods coming from the United States.

The Dingley tariff on sugar and tobacco imported into the United States, United States and the islands, the admission of the islands to the United States, it is asserted, would not seriously injure American interests, but would be a boon to the Filipino sugar planters and

tobacco growers. A recommendation is made for the repeal of the law authorizing the refunding of duties, the statement being made that since its enactment \$1,000,000 has been collected in refundable duties, principally on hemp exported to the United States.

The committee makes the following recommendations:

Reduction of the tariff on sugar and tobacco to not more than 25 per cent of the Dingley tariff rate.

That authority be given the commission, with the approval of the president and secretary of war, to issue bonds from time to time for future improvements, not to exceed \$75,000,000 in the aggregate.

Reduction of the tariff on sugar and Philippine government or any of the provincial or municipal governments not from only federal or Philippine taxation, but from state, municipal and other taxation in the United States.

That control of shipping be left wholly in the discretion of the Philippine commission, subject to the approval of the president and secretary of war.

That the application of the United States customs laws to the trade between the Philippines and mainland of the United States be postponed by congressional action until July 1, 1909, or, in the alternative, that the consular laws of the United States be made not applicable to the trade between the islands and the mainland of the United States, except with a proviso or condition that the rates upon imports from the Philippines into the United States shall not pay duty in excess of 25 per cent of the Dingley tariff.

Congressional action authorizing the Philippine commission with the approval of the president and secretary of war to encourage railroad construction in the islands by accompanying the grants of franchises, when deemed necessary, with a guarantee of income on the amount of the investment to be fixed in advance in the act of guaranty, the amount guaranteed not to exceed annually 4 per cent of the fixed principal. That the amount of land which may be acquired by any individual or corporation be extended to 25,000 acres, and that the law which forbids the filing of more than one mining claim by the same individual upon a lode or deposit be repealed.

Legislation authorizing the commission to make reductions on present tariff schedule when in its opinion to do so will be in the public interest; also to provide proper authority for

the extradition of fugitives to and from the islands.

In his annual report as civil governor, Mr. Wright says that with the exception of a very few provinces marked progress has been made in the cultivation of fields and production of crops as compared with the preceding year, and as a consequence there has been no suffering among the poor for the necessities of life. Mr. Wright says that life and property are now safe to a degree never before experienced by the people of the islands, and the outlook is more favorable than for years past.

Gov. Wright recommends greater safeguards for provincial and municipal elections, saying it is difficult to make candidates and voters understand that ancient methods may not be resorted to.

The report of Mr. Worcester to the secretary of the interior calls attention to the fact that forestry agents visit all parts of the islands without arms and unguarded, as an illustration of the order prevailing. Health conditions he reports good throughout the islands. Cholera has disappeared, and the plague has been held within a very limited area.

Mr. Worcester's report says there are over 300 establishments in Manila where opium is smoked. He adds:

"They are filthy and unsanitary, and are at present not recognized by law or required to take out license."

In his report as civil governor of Moro province, Gen. Wood says slave trading has been brought practically to an end through the seacoast Moro districts, although he says it undoubtedly continues to some extent between the inland Moros and the savage tribes of the interior. Gen. Wood says it would be difficult to imagine a worse form of slavery, the slave having absolutely no rights. No effort has been made to release their former slaves from their masters, but all have been told that they are free to leave them with the result that many former slaves left their masters. "With all their faults," says Gen. Wood, "the Moros are brave and resolute, and under good laws and an honest government in time will give a good account of themselves."

He says the standing of the American people among the natives of his province has been much injured by the presence of a large tough class of Americans, "whose energies have been principally expended in the construction of saloons, gambling houses, and other American business establishments."

LIVESTOCK INTERESTS.

Negotiations Looking to Their Harmonization Opened.

Denver, Jan. 15.—Negotiations have been opened by the officers of the National Livestock association with the American Cattle-Growers' association, which was organized in this city last Friday by cattlemen who seceded from the stockmen's convention, with a view to establishing harmonious relations between the two organizations.

The National Livestock association's board of control has decided to meet in this city on May 9 next, on which date the American Cattle-Growers' association will hold its convention here. Meantime, the executive committees of both organizations will make efforts to harmonize their interests in their by-laws and constitutions.

It is proposed to have the new association of cattle growers affiliate with the parent organization, exactly as does the National Wool-Growers' association. President Frank J. Haugenburgh and several members of the executive committee of the National Livestock association have applied for membership in the Cattle-Growers' association, believing that it can be made of benefit to the united livestock interests of the country.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Repeated by the Lower House of Kansas Legislature.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 15.—There was a new feature introduced in the Kansas legislature when the house held its first session. The feature was the repetition of the Lord's Prayer by the assembled legislators. When Bishop Milpau started the prayer a murmur went over the crowd and 125 voices joined the minister in completing the prayer.

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Six dozen Ladies' Shirt Waists, in all wool flannel, brilliantine, moulton cloth, and black sateen, all that's left of this lot 88c

WRAPPERS.

Four dozen Ladies' House Wrappers, our regular \$1.99 grade, this week \$1.50

SKIRTS.

42 Ladies' Navy Blue and Oxford Gray Runabout Skirts, all that's left of this lot, \$2.50 and \$3.00 values, marked \$1.48

Kersey Coats.

46 Ladies' medium weight Kersey Coats, semi-fitting and belted backs, all colors, sold regular at \$6.00, while they last \$2.95

57 Ladies' Tailored Walking Suits, all that's left of this lot, values up to \$27.50, slaughtered this week \$10.45

Two and a half dozen Ladies' French Flannel Shirt Waists, colors are tan, cardinal, navy blue and black, fancy front values up to \$2.75, on sale \$1.50

Two and three-quarters dozen Ladies' Outing Flannel and Elderdown Bath Robes, regular \$3.00 grade, this week \$1.45

74 Ladies' Walking Skirts plain and fancy mixtures, all that's left of this lot, \$6.00 and \$6.50 values, marked \$3.33

60 Ladies' heavy weight Kersey Coats in 27 and 42 inch length, some lined throughout, castor, tan and black, sold regular at \$15.00, while they last \$7.50

46 Ladies' Tailored Walking Suits, all that's left of this lot, values up to \$35.00, slaughtered this week \$16.50

Four dozen Ladies' Nun's veiling, oxford, taffeta silk, shirt waists, all leading shades values up to \$5.50, on sale \$2.50

Seven dozen Ladies' Short Kimonos and Dressing Sacques, all neat patterns, sold regular at \$1.50 and \$1.75, this week \$1.15

22 Ladies' good quality Gray-ette Walking Skirts, elaborately trimmed, all that's left of this lot, \$11.00 and \$12 values, marked down to \$6.95

16 Ladies' gravenette Rain Coats, full length, in tan, oxford, gray and green mixtures, sold regular at \$20.00, while they last \$9.75

22 Ladies' Tailored Walking Suits, all that's left of this lot, values up to \$50.00, slaughtered this week \$20.00

Three and a quarter dozen very best quality Peau de Seie Silk Shirt Waists, in colors and black, very elaborately trimmed, \$6.00 and \$7.50 values, on sale \$3.75

78 Ladies' Fur Box, 42 inches long, six tails, colors brown only, regular \$5.50 grade, this week \$2.50

18 Ladies' Dress and Walking Skirts, colored and black, all that's left of this lot, values \$16.50, \$18.00 and \$20.00, marked down to \$10.00

14 Ladies' three-quarter length Tourist Coats, plain black and colors, belted backs, sold regular at \$25.00, while they last \$12.50

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100 pair Sheet Blankets, 11-1 size, Value \$2.00, closing price, a pair..... \$1.10

Victoria Wool Blankets, about 16 pair in the lot, Oregon make, worth \$5.50, to be closed out this week, per pair..... \$3.45

About 12 pair red, all Wool Blankets, 11-1 size, value \$6.50, to be closed out this week, per pair..... \$4.60

Fine Gray California Wool Blankets, 11-1 size, 9 pair in the lot, worth \$5.50, to be closed out, per pair..... \$5.60

11 pair white all Wool Blankets, 12-4 size, California make, usual price \$11.00, to be closed out this week, per pair..... \$7.85

About one-half dozen pair white 12-4 size all Wool Blankets, the kind you generally pay \$12.00 for, to be closed out this week, per pair..... \$8.60

Infants' Long Coats.

DEEP PRICE CUTTING TO EFFECT IMMEDIATE AND RADICAL STOCK CLEARING, EVERY INFANTS' LONG COAT MUST BE CLOSED OUT AND THESE EXTRAORDINARY REDUCTIONS WILL MAKE THEM THE GREATEST BARGAINS EVER SHOWN IN THIS CITY.

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Up to \$1.25 long coats, reduced for this great clearing sale to..... 85c

Up to \$2.00 grade long coats, reduced for this sale to..... \$1.39

Nobby coats, sold regularly up to \$5.00 each, on sale..... \$2.95

All \$6.00 and \$7.00 coats reduced in this sale to..... \$3.75

And similar reductions throughout the line.

DRESS GOODS.

For Genuine Bargains you have never had an opportunity that can be compared with this Remnant Sale of Dress Goods.

We have priced them with a determination to effect an absolute clearance.

ONE LOT OF ALL WOOL DRESS GOODS.

Consisting of Voiles, Serges, Zibelines, Mohairs, Plaids, etc. Regular values up to 75c yard, at a yard..... 39c

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Short lengths of Outing Flannels in lengths of 5 to 15 yards, in pink and white, light blue, and white or gray and white stripes, on sale this week..... 5c

Odds and ends of Canton Flannels, Shaker Flannels and Outing Flannels in red and light blue, worth up to 12c, on sale..... 7c

A small lot of Red Fleece Lined Plaid Flannels, for Lounging Robes and Dressing Sacques, value 20c, this week per yard..... 10c

200 yards Full Yard Wide Canton Flannel, value 25c, a yard..... 15c

A limited quantity of White Wool Flannels. Worth 45c, on sale this week per yard..... 29c

100 yards Navy Mill Navy Blue Twilled Flannel, the best 60c Shirting Flannel, on sale..... 36c

6 bolts of white All Wool Flannel, full yard wide, regular price 75c..... 55c

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FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

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Odds and Ends of Boys' Clothing and Gents' Furnishings don't have much prestige with us just now. That's why the markings are so exceedingly low.

Boys' Unlaunched Waist. Made up in fancy light and medium colored percales, with patent belt, worth 35c, special for this week..... 19c

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Gent's Natural Wool Undergarment. All sizes, all the \$1.25 grades, special for this week per garment..... 85c

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BROKEN LINES IN CHILDREN'S SHOES..... 50c

BROKEN LINES IN INFANTS' SHOES..... 20c

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Odds and ends of Fringed Linen Damasks, table covers, red or white—worth \$2.50—to be closed out at..... \$1.48

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A small assortment of \$3.50 Curtains—must be closed out this week—and to close them out quick they'll go, per pair..... \$1.85

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