

## TAFT TO STAY IN PHILIPPINES

Such President's Decision After  
Consideration.

### THE FILIPINOS WANT HIM.

to look as they heard he might  
leave they entered strong protest  
against the proposition.

Washington, Jan. 12.—After mature consideration it has been decided by the president that Judge Taft shall remain in the Philippines as civil governor. The decision was reached only after the president had discussed the Philippine question thoroughly with Secy. Root and the other members of his cabinet and Vice Gov. Luke E. Wright, who has been in this country for two months.

For several weeks it has been regarded as settled that Gov. Taft would return to this country, perhaps in a few months, to become a justice of the supreme court of the United States. President Roosevelt indicated to Gov. Taft in a letter dispatched to the Philippines that he was not to return to the Philippines more than a month ago, that he could not be desired to stay. It was the president's purpose to name Gen. Wright as civil governor of the Philippines. As soon as it was learned in the Philippines that Gov. Taft was likely to remain, the islands cabled protests began. The protests were so numerous and so persistent that the president was forced to pour in upon the president from prominent Filipinos. Even yesterday prominent Filipinos in receipt of a cable from some of the most important interests in the islands urging the retention of Gov. Taft as civil governor. The protests were so numerous and so persistent that the president was forced to pour in upon the president from prominent Filipinos. Even yesterday prominent Filipinos in receipt of a cable from some of the most important interests in the islands urging the retention of Gov. Taft as civil governor.

Gov. Taft is known, as one highly official expressed it, "to be thoroughly wrapped up in his work in the Philippines." His ambition has been to round out his career as a justice of the supreme court, but he has been so completely absorbed in the spirit of the great work to be accomplished in the Philippines and is so perfectly in sympathy with the ideals of the best classes of the inhabitants that he hesitated to relinquish his post at this time, even to accept the distinguished honor the president offered to confer on him. Today, in response to the president's letter offering him the supreme justiceship, a cablegram was received from him suggesting, with a sincere expression of the tender made to him by the president, that it might be better for him, in view of all the circumstances, to remain where he was. At this it was immediately and unhesitatingly agreed that Gov. Taft would remain indefinitely as civil governor of the Philippines.

During the afternoon subsequent to the cabinet meeting, Secy. Root had a long conference with the president, at which the Philippine situation was canvassed in all its phases. Many serious problems are yet to be solved with respect to the islands, and the administration is looking with confidence to Gov. Taft to reach such a solution of them as will be satisfactory to the people of this country, to the Filipinos and to the world.

#### Indiana Postoffice Case.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Senator McLaughlin (Miss.) had another conference with Postmaster-General Payne regarding the Indiana postoffice, and stated that he would be able shortly to furnish satisfactory assurances from the responsible authorities of the government for the protection of its negro postmistress.

#### Signal Officers Returning.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Arrangements have been completed by Dr. Greeley, chief signal officer of the army, for the return to the United States of all signal officers and men who have completed three years service in the Philippines.

#### Wilcox's Second Trial Begins.

Hartford, N. C., Jan. 12.—The second trial of James E. Wilcox of Elizabeth City, charged with the murder of Nelsie Cropper in 1901, began today.

#### Dr. J. A. Jeancon Dead.

Naperville, Ky., Jan. 12.—Dr. John Alford Jeancon, who served as surgeon of the thirty-second Indiana volunteer infantry in the war of rebellion and who afterward became a noted specialist on diseases of the stomach, died at his home here today.

#### Another Carnegie Library.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Jan. 12.—Andrew Carnegie has made a donation to the public library of this city of \$50,444, on the usual conditions.

#### DEAD HAND IDENTIFIED.

He Was Sam Morley for Whom There Was a Reward.

South McAlester, I. T., Jan. 14.—The body of the hand killed in the fight with United States deputy marshals at Spiro, after he had slain Deputy Samuel Sereb, has been fully identified as that of Samuel Morley, for whose capture \$2,000 reward was outstanding. Morley had murdered three men before his last battle. At San Antonio, Texas, several years ago he killed a butcher, and at Chickasha, he murdered another man, and recently he murdered Sheriff Jacob Hartman of El Reno, Oklahoma.

#### CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.

O'Connell's Appointment Regarded in Rome as Revolutionary.

New York, Jan. 14.—In the Vatican world, the appointment of Mgr. O'Connell to the rectory of the Washington Catholic university, is considered a revolution. Mgr. O'Connell was the trusted and authoritative lieutenant of his leader and his support of social and American secured for him a perceptive and especially by Cardinals Lefebvre and Cisneros, both of whom were dead. Mgr. O'Connell was dismissed from the rectory of the American college here and lived for several years at Rome without an appointment. The two American factions which are recognized as chiefs in the United States, Archbishops Ireland and Corrigan, have now as corresponding vice-rectors. Archbishop Safford, who had been through Governor Taft's coming question, and Cardinal Martinelli tried to get even through the influence of the

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Intrigues of Mgr. Chappelle during his six weeks' stay lately at Rome. The present appointment of Mgr. O'Connell shows decidedly which side the pope favors.

Old residents at the Vatican say that the real inwardness of the appointment of Mgr. O'Connell is that Archbishop Ireland will soon enter the sacred college.

#### MESSAGE TO PORTO RICANS.

Gov. Hunt Delivers it to Legislature in Person.

San Juan, P. R., Jan. 14.—Gov. Hunt personally delivered his message at the joint session of the legislature. He recommended little legislation and no radical changes, so as to better and more fully test the laws now in operation.

The governor's report says that the insular telegraph which formerly resulted in deficits, are now returning a small revenue, due largely to extensions. Education is progressing. There are now 1,126 teachers and 55,000 children and the government has already expended \$12,992 on new schoolhouses. More money will be invested in this manner.

The treasury is in excellent condition, as follows:

On hand from the insular revenues \$378,570; trust funds \$885,625; due from the United States \$431,128.

#### Capt. Shaw-Taylor Arrives.

New York, Jan. 14.—Capt. Shaw-Taylor, the son of an Irish landlord and one of the organizers of the Irish land commission committee which met in Dublin recently to draw up a plan for the settlement of the Irish land question by the sale of the land to the tenants, was a passenger on the Cunard liner Ivernia. In an interview he said:

"The land question was talked over and threshed out, and the result of the conference will be the new bill for land purchase which will be presented to parliament in March. We want the government to assist in the purchase of the land for the tenants. It will be a co-operative plan to enable the tenants to get the purchase money at the lowest interest. The government will not be the loser. If the land purchase bill passes in the form we desire, the government expenses will be greatly decreased by reduction of the police, law expense, etc."

#### Sternberg's Lines of Work.

New York, Jan. 14.—Referring to the Cologne Gazette's assertion that next to the late British Ambassador Pauncefote no diplomat enjoyed in Washington such popularity as Dr. von Sternberg, a dispatch to the Times from Berlin, by way of London, says there is an impression, however, that Baron Speck von Sternberg is to be instructed to work on different lines and try to emphasize the community of American, German and British interests as far as he can. His antecedents and sympathies, it is believed, qualify him for the role.

#### Will Teach England a Lesson.

New York, Jan. 14.—Vice Admiral Lord Charles Boscawen, who was a passenger on the Kaiserin Maria Theresa, said:

"My visit to the United States has nothing to do with the international mercantile marine company."

Regarding the Venezuelan affair, Lord Charles said:

"It will teach Great Britain a lesson of the danger of international complications by allowing unlimited trade credit to a bankrupt and unscrupulous republic like Venezuela and trying to collect bad debts by coercion."

#### Could Not Buy Coal So Stole It.

New York, Jan. 14.—Joseph Gotsch, who is serving a sentence in the jail at White Plains, N. Y., for stealing coal, was found by the warden to have strapped around his legs over \$200 in bills. Asked why he did not buy coal with his money he said the dealers refused to sell to him, and so he stole, and that, as he did not believe in banks and had to carry the money, he stole what he might as well use it to protect himself from freezing.

#### Canada a Competitor for Iron.

New York, Jan. 14.—It is understood that advances have been received at the offices of the Canadian high commission, which point to the entrance of Canada as an extremely keen competitor in the British iron trade, according to correspondent in London of the Tribune. The Dominion Iron & Steel company has decided to go in for the manufacture of constructional iron work on an immense scale. A thoroughly up-to-date plant is being laid down and has ample capital at its back for development. British iron manufacturers are not apparently alarmed by the rumor of a Canadian invasion, but the general view in the trade is that a severe cutting of prices is imminent.

#### HOME FROM THE WAR.

Sergt. John F. Dalley of the East Thirty-fifth Street police station received a visit from two United States soldiers yesterday.

"Hello, carge," said the bluescoat who acted as spokesman.

"Good afternoon, gentlemen," replied the sergeant. "What's the trouble now? Been touched?"

"No trouble at all, but don't you remember us?"

"I can't say that I do," said Dalley.

"Well, if you don't remember us, you probably recollect that just before the Spanish war two soldiers walked into the West Fifty-seventh street station, where you were, and said they were from Fort Blount, and asked you to loan them \$2, promising to pay the next time they visited the city. You handed over \$2 without taking their names. Before they could return the money their regiment left for Cuba for a year's service and was then sent to the Philippines. We are those soldiers and we are now home. Here's the money we borrowed with \$3 interest."

Before the sergeant could recover from the shock his two visitors had grasped his hand and departed.—New York Sun.

## AS TO CUBAN CONCESSIONS

President Has Won His Point in  
Matter of Reciprocity.

IT WILL NOT BE OPPOSED.

Meet Sugar Forces to Concentrate  
Against Philippine Tariff Bill—  
Improving the Ohio River.

#### Special Correspondence.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The president has won his point in the matter of Cuban reciprocity. His determination to have some tariff concessions made to the new republic prevailed even against strong opposition. In the first place, the opposition of the Republican leaders had to be overcome. Later there was the minority of Republicans in the senate, who were so successful in the last session and who were finally brought into line or their opposition silenced during the vacation or since the present session of congress began. The greatest work was done over adjournment last summer. The declarations of the president in favor of Cuban concessions met with favor everywhere, and when senators and representatives returned to Washington they did not have the anti-Cuban fight in them that was shown in the last session. Then came the best sugar men with their declarations that constant agitation was doing them more harm than would the 20 per cent concession to Cuba, and the battle was practically over. It seems likely that the treaty will be ratified with but little opposition.

#### FEARS OF BEET SUGAR MEN.

It is not Cuba that the beet sugar men fear so much as the Philippines. The cut to 20 per cent to Cuba is a small matter, they say, compared to the cut of 75 per cent to the Philippines. The house rushed the Philippine reduction bill, but the senate is moving more slowly. Three things that the Philippine people want, it is claimed, will greatly injure the beet sugar growers of the United States. These are: The reduction of the tariff, the importation of Chinese into the Philippines without restrictions and to increase from 5,000 to 25,000 acres the amount of land which a corporation may acquire. All three they say, would be in the interest of Philippine sugar production and, if all should be accomplished, would greatly injure the sugar production in this country. So the beet men have transferred from Cuba to the Philippines, and instead of resisting Cuban reciprocity the best sugar men are now trying to prevent the passage of the house Philippine tariff bill.

#### FOR THE SUPREME COURT.

When William H. Taft is selected for the supreme bench, he will be the second man called to that honorable position by President Harrison, both of whom left the circuit bench to serve in other positions before being advanced to the highest place to which lawyers can aspire. Mr. Justice McKenna was appointed a circuit judge in California by President Harrison and President McKinley named him for his first office general and afterward nominated him chief justice of the supreme court. President Harrison first appointed Mr. Taft solicitor general of the department of justice and then advanced him to the circuit bench in Ohio. He left this position at the earnest solicitation of President McKinley to become chairman of the Philippine commission and afterward the first American civil governor of the archipelago. It was understood then that some time he was to become a justice of the supreme court.

#### AN IOWA IDEA.

"The Ohio river thieves," said Representative Hepburn—and he thus designated men who like to receive large credit to a bankrupt and unscrupulous republic like Venezuela and trying to collect bad debts by coercion—"are talking about a grand and comprehensive improvement of that river, and they mean by that the improvement of the Ohio river. The principal object of keeping the Ohio river open and navigable is to give the people down the river a cheap rate on coal. It would be cheaper for the government to pay the freight on coal to all points reached on the Ohio clear to the Mississippi. See how much the government could do in the way of saving freight by the expenditure of the interest on \$50,000,000! But it will be remembered that Hepburn is vigorously opposed to the present method of improving rivers and harbors and considers the Ohio river a local improvement."

#### STATEHOOD SUGGESTED.

"We'll pass the omnibus bill or we'll have an extra session of Congress," declare some of the more enthusiastic advocates of three new states, meaning that they will hold up the appropriation bills or force a vote. But they can't do that. There are not half a dozen senators who would force an extra session in order to secure statehood for Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona. Why, the professional extra session toils have not sprung the prediction yet, because it is too absurd for even them. Nothing but a great necessity will cause an extra session.

#### "Let me tell you something confidentially," remarks Delegate Rodey of New Mexico, and he will whisper with that deliberate Irish brogue which everybody likes—"this bill is going to pass."

"We've got the votes and will pass the bill," declares Dennis Flynn of Oklahoma. "Quay and I counted again today, and they are all there."

"It's all right on my side," says Mark Smith of Arizona, who rounds up the Democratic senators daily, "but I am watching a couple of 'em mighty close."

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## RASH ACT OF WINNIE MERCER

League Pitcher Asphyxiates Himself in San Francisco.

HE GAVE NO REASON FOR IT

Had Been Signed to Manage Detroit Team During the Coming Season—  
His Baseball Career.

#### San Francisco, Jan. 12.—Winnie B. Mercer, a pitcher of the All-American baseball team, registered at the Occidental hotel last evening and was found asphyxiated in his room this morning.

Mercer was registered under the name of George Murray, and gave his residence as Philadelphia. The watchman of the hotel, in making his rounds, detected the odor of gas coming from Mercer's room, and failing to receive a response to his knocking, broke down the door. Clad in his night clothes and lying in the bed with his coat and vest thrown over his head, Mercer was found. From the gas jet in the center of the room was suspended a rubber tube and the end of this Mercer had placed in his mouth, after turning the gas full on. What caused Mercer to end his life is unknown.

Mercer's identity was established by letters found among his effects, one of which read: "Tell Mr. Van Horn, of the Langham hotel, that Winnie Mercer has taken his life."

Mercer was a sufferer from pulmonary troubles and as the disease refused to yield to treatment he became despondent. Mercer left a statement of his financial accounts, showing that he did not owe a cent in the world.

Mercer was very popular with his fellow players on the All-American baseball team, and while his despondent condition was known to his intimate friends there was never a serious thought among them that the popular player would commit suicide.

#### HIS BASEBALL CAREER.

Pitcher Winnie Mercer first attracted attention in professional baseball circles in 1893, when he became a member of the Washington National League club. The following year he was with the New York team. In 1895 he was back with Washington, and at that time was voted the most popular player there until the spring of 1902, when he signed with the Detroit Americans. Just before he started west with the "Tops," O'Neil, and advised his friends to avoid games of chance and women.

#### PLANS FOR FUTURE.

Detroit, Jan. 12.—Winnie Mercer, who pitched last season for the Detroit American league team, was to have been playing manager of the team next season. E. T. Angus, the owner of the team, said this afternoon that he had not the slightest idea what could have impelled Mercer to commit suicide.

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While it has been generally understood for several weeks that Mercer was to manage the team next season, Mr. Angus yesterday wired him for the first time as the manager of the club. The telegram contained only good news:

"We are all well satisfied (meaning with the team) and I am glad to hear of your success. I am sorry for you. I cannot yet say anything about what will succeed Mercer as manager."

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third felder? Have you training quarters engaged? When will you be home?

#### Athletes Ask Aid.

San Francisco, Jan. 14.—The Pacific Athletic association will ask that part of the appropriation made by the state for the St. Louis Exposition be deducted to paying the expenses of a team of athletes to represent California in the Olympic games.

#### Crowd of Euchre Players.

New York, Jan. 14.—The largest crowd of euchre players ever assembled at one sitting, it is felt, was gathered last night in the Fourteenth regiment armory, Brooklyn, where 7,500 persons played the game. There were 1,875 tables. These were arranged in sections so that there were 60 players on each section. A band of music was assigned to every 20 sections. The dozen bands played in unison under the direction of one leader. The party was given by the students of St. Francis college of Brooklyn. Ten thousand dollars, it is estimated, was realized