

### PHILIPPINE WAR A CRIME

**Governor Taft Denounces Insurgent Policy of Terrorism.**

**HE DEFENDS THE SOLDIERS**

**Says Insurgents Have No Right to Any Treatment But That Which is Severe and Within the Rules of War—Opposed to Concentration.**

Washington, Feb. 5.—Governor Taft yesterday continued his narrative before the senate committee on the Philippines concerning the conditions in the Philippine archipelago.

In response to a question by Senator Patterson as to the practices of the Maccabees, Governor Taft warned the committee and others against accepting without a great degree of allowance the statements made in private letters. He considered most of these as unreliable, judging from what he had seen of them. In general it was impossible to prevent retaliation by private soldiers under all circumstances. As a rule, the witness said, American prisoners were treated well by the Filipinos. This, so far as he knew, was uniformly true of the Filipino officers who were high in command. There were some cases to the contrary on the part of subordinate Filipino officers. He had not known anything of the reports of the killing of Filipino prisoners with the knowledge of General Metcalf, of Kansas. Governor Taft said that notwithstanding he was not in an attitude of favor to military rule, it was still his deliberate judgment that "never had a war been conducted in which more compassion, more restraint and more generosity had been exhibited than in connection with the American war in the Philippines."

In this connection, Senator Culberson made inquiry concerning the effect of the policy of concentration in the Philippines. Replying, Governor Taft said that General Bell's order for concentration had been published since his departure from Manila. He, however, had talked with General Bell on that point and had told him that he did not consider such an order necessary, because he was of the opinion that a proper degree of pressure brought to bear on the wealthy men of Batangas would have the effect of causing the province to yield without making a sweeping order of concentration.

After reading a part of General Bell's order, Senator Culberson asked if he still entertained the same opinions previously expressed as to the military policy in the Philippines. To this General Taft replied: "The war has been all over in these islands, and that which remains is a crime against civilization. It is also a crime against the Filipino people to keep up a state

of war under the circumstances. They have worn out the right to any treatment but that which is severe and within the rules of war."

This statement led Senator Patterson to ask whether the witness did not consider that even a small number of people who were waging a war for independence do not deserve consideration at the hands of the American army. In response, Governor Taft said that the great majority of the people of the islands desire peace and that the insurrectionists by their acts were preventing the mass of the people from settling down and earning a quiet living. Instead of being allowed to do this, they were kept under a system of terrorism, which should be stopped.

**Strike On B. and O. Imminent.**  
Cumberland, Md., Feb. 5.—A general strike of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Railroad Conductors, Locomotive Engineers and the local firemen on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, especially along the Pittsburg division, is imminent. President Loree, of the Baltimore and Ohio has refused to recognize the above brotherhoods, giving as his reason that the road was now under the control of a different company.

**A Corner In Pineapples.**  
Chicago, Feb. 5.—The Mills Bros., who it is claimed, operated a peanut corner last year with success, are said to have a corner in pineapples. It is reported that the pineapple deal involves \$5,000,000. Practically the entire crop of Cuban pineapples for the year 1902 has, it is said, been secured by the firm, which assures them control of the pineapple market for the entire United States.

**Gas Renders Many Unconscious.**  
Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 5.—The main supply of the town of Plymouth with gas burst Tuesday night, and the escaping gas found its way through the cellars into about a score of houses on Jeannette street. Many families residing on the street were rendered unconscious by the gas, and the timely arrival of a number of physicians saved the lives of not a few.

**Will Not Accept Intervention.**  
London, Feb. 5.—The British government replied to Dr. Kuyper, the Dutch premier, that if the Boers in the field desire to negotiate for peace negotiations can be entered into, but only in South Africa. The British government adheres to its intention not to accept the intervention of any foreign power.

**Nine Firemen Killed.**  
St. Louis, Feb. 5.—At least nine men were killed and as many more injured in a fire which broke out last night in the five-story stone and brick building of the American Tent and Awning company. The building suddenly collapsed and the half dozen men were caught in the crash and killed.

### JUDGES' PAY INCREASED

**Senate Passed Bill Raising Salaries of Supreme Court Justices.**

**ALL AMENDMENTS VOTED DOWN**

**One Proposed Increase For Cabinet Officers From \$8,000 to \$12,500 a Year—Senator Dryden Inducted Into Office.**

Washington, Feb. 5.—After a brief discussion yesterday the senate passed the bill providing for a 25 per cent. increase in the salaries of United States judges. All amendments were voted down, including one to increase the salaries of cabinet officers from \$8,000 to \$12,500 a year.

By the terms of the bill the following salaries are to be paid United States judges: Chief justice supreme court of the United States, \$13,000; each associate justice, \$12,500; circuit judges, \$7,500; district judges, \$6,250; chief justice court of claims, \$6,125; each associate justice, \$5,625; chief justice court of appeals, District of Columbia, \$8,000; each associate justice, \$7,500; chief justice supreme court, District of Columbia, \$6,750; each associate justice, \$6,250.

During the remainder of the day's session the urgency deficiency bill was under discussion, the principal tariff measure being laid aside temporarily.

Mr. Hansbrough, of North Dakota, made a spirited defense of Judge Arthur N. Noyes, of the district court of Alaska, and Alexander McKenzie, upon whom an attack was made in the senate. This precipitated a long discussion of the Noyes case, legal and technical rather than personal. No action could be taken on this subject, but the discussion was continued today under the latitude allowed.

John F. Dryden was inducted into office as the successor of the late Senator William J. Sewell, of New Jersey. Mr. Dryden was presented to the president yesterday by Senator Kean. They were accompanied by a number of friends from Newark.

### CUBAN RECIPROCITY

**Ways and Means Committee Will Report a Measure to House.**

Washington, Feb. 5.—Representatives Babcock and Long, Republican members of the ways and means committee, called on President Roosevelt yesterday and discussed with him Cuban reciprocity. It was stated by a Republican member of the ways and means committee that there was little further doubt that the committee would report some measure of Cuban reciprocity. Another member of the committee expressed the conviction that the rate of reduction would be about 20 or 25 per cent. Other members of the committee insist that the

mind of several members are still open and that definite conclusions as to the course of the committee are not yet warranted.

Chairman Payne says there is no material change in the status of the subject, as the hearings recently held have not yet been printed, and these are regarded as quite important in assisting toward a solution of the question.

**Employees' Wages Attached.**  
Altoona, Pa., Feb. 5.—Yesterday the Pennsylvania Railroad offices in this city received from Philadelphia a list of 39 attachments for wages, issued by G. O. Smith, of West Virginia. Many of the men whose compensation is attached are residents of Johnstown and are employees in the Cambria Steel company's works near there. Smith proposes to collect the claims through the Pennsylvania Railroad company, which owns a controlling interest in the big Johnstown industry.

**Killed By Premature Explosion.**  
Washington, Feb. 5.—A premature explosion of nitro-glycerine carelessly handled by an operative at the Cerberie Manufacturing Company's plant at Ardwick, Md., nine miles from this city, yesterday, killed Richard J. Martin, the superintendent, and also slightly injured two workmen. Eight tons of material of high explosive strength stored close to the scene of the accident were not disturbed.

**Lieutenant Restored to Duty.**  
Washington, Feb. 5.—The president has exercised clemency in the case of Lieutenant James P. Howell, of the Sixth Artillery, convicted in the Philippines of drunkenness on duty and sentenced to be dismissed. In view of certain extenuating circumstances, the president has set aside the sentence and ordered the officer's restoration to duty.

**Negotiators Had Close Call.**  
London, Feb. 5.—A Sofia dispatch says that during the negotiations with the brigands for the release of Miss Stone, the captive missionary, the house in which the American party was lodged burned down, but that the inmates escaped with the money to be paid as ransom.

### A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

**Thursday, January 30.**

A syndicate of Norfolk, Va., capitalists bought the Consumers' Light, Heat and Ice company at Newport News, Va.

To escape arrest, J. M. Walsh, charged with burglary, committed suicide by blowing out his brains in a Chicago hotel.

President Baer, of the Reading Railroad, denies that his company has made an offer to purchase the Western Maryland railroad.

Captain Charles Barr, who sailed the Columbia in her victorious race against Shamrock II, has been engaged by August Belmont to sail his 70-foot yacht Mineola.

**Friday, January 31.**  
Rev. Madison C. Peters, of New York, has accepted a call to Immanuel Baptist Tabernacle, Baltimore.

The navy department announced that Rear Admirals William T. Sampson and B. J. Cromwell will be retired on the 9th of February.

In a rear-end collision of freight trains on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad at Deerfield, Ill., Hugh Cox was killed and three others were badly injured.

A bill introduced in the United States senate provides for the union of Oklahoma and Indian territory and their admission into the Union as a state, to be called Oklahoma.

**Saturday, February 1.**  
There are rumors of renewed differences between Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland, and Prince Henry, her consort.

A. J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania railroad, was yesterday elected president of the West Jersey and Seashore road.

The Treasury Club, composed of officials of the treasury department, gave a farewell dinner at Washington to Secretary Gage.

The senate committee on building and grounds made favorable report for an appropriation of \$500,000 for an addition to the Nashville, Tenn., public building.

**Monday, February 3.**  
King Edward of England will organize a bodyguard of native Indian cavalry.

J. Santos Zalaya was inaugurated president of Nicaragua for his third term yesterday.

Jacob Christman, of Summit Hill, Pa., died suddenly on Saturday. Arising in the morning in good spirits, he foretold his death.

Relatives of James Lee, a resident of Calhoun, Mich., who died yesterday, have found over \$5,000 in gold buried in the cellar of his home.

It is feared at St. Johns, N. F., that many American fishing vessels bound for Gloucester, Mass., were caught in last Thursday's storm and are lost.

**Tuesday, February 3.**  
Through misreading of orders a passenger and freight train collided near Savannah, Ga., killing one per-

son and injuring three others.

A fire at the Cook & White coal mine, at Madrid, N. M., caused the death of two men and did great damage to property.

It is stated Emperor William of Germany will present Miss Alice Roosevelt with a gold jewel box on the occasion of the launching of his yacht.

A lock-out in the four large mills of the American Woollen Company, at Olneyville, R. I., took place yesterday. More than 6,500 operatives are idle.

The second annual sportsman's show of the International Forest, Fish and Game Association opened in Chicago, with an attendance of 10,000 people.

**Wednesday, February 5.**  
James L. Hall, of Scranton, Pa., a commercial traveler, was found dead in a hotel at Albany, N. Y.

Burglars entered the postoffice at Canal Winchester, O., and secured \$400 worth of stamps and \$20 in cash.

The Dowie-Stephenson suit for a receivership of the Zion lake industries, at Chicago, has been settled out of court.

M. A. Emulock, of Carlisle, Pa., has been appointed an aide-de-camp to Commander-in-chief Torrence, of the G. A. R.

Owing to the absence of members the meeting of the board of pardons of Pennsylvania was indefinitely postponed.

Heater Turner, of Scottsville, Ky., shot his brother James dead, but not before James had struck him on the head with a hatchet, inflicting fatal injuries.

### GENERAL MARKETS.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 4.—Flour steady; winter superfine, \$2.65@2.90; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$3.25@3.45; city mills, extra, \$2.90@3.15. Rye: four quiet, at \$3.25@3.35 per barrel. Wheat steady; No. 2 Penna., red, 87½@88c. Corn firm; No. 2 yellow, local, 67½@67¾. Oats firm; No. 2 white, clipped, 51c.; lower grades, 47c. Hay weak; No. 1 timothy sold at \$15.50@16 for large bales. Beef steady; beef hams, 19.50@20.50. Pork firm; family, 19½@19.50. Live poultry, at 12½c. for hens, and 8½c. for old roosters. Dressed poultry sold at 12c. for choice fowls, and at 7½c. for old roosters. Butter steady; creamery, 29c. Eggs steady; New York and Pennsylvania, 29c. per dozen. Potatoes were dull; eastern, 78@80c. per bushel.

### Live Stock Markets.

East Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 4.—Cattle lower for good steers; fair to medium grades, 15@25c. off; veals, tops, \$3.50@3.75; light to good, \$5.50@6.25. Hogs slow and lower; heavy, \$6.45@6.50; mixed, \$6.25@6.45; light do., \$6.25@6.30; pigs, \$6.25@6.40; roughs, \$5.30@5.70; wags, \$4@4.40. Sheep and lambs active and 10@15c. higher; sheep, mixed tops, \$4.60@4.75; others, \$3@4.40; wethers, \$5@5.40; yearlings, 15@5.15; fancy, \$5.60. Lambs, tops, \$6.25@6.35; culs to good, \$4.50@6.20.  
East Liberty, Pa., Feb. 4.—Cattle firm; choice, \$6.50@6.70; prime, \$5.90@6.25; good, \$5.50@5.75. Hogs steady; prime heavies, \$6.45; best mediums, \$6.40@6.45; heavy Yorkers, \$6.20@6.35; light do., \$6.10@6.25; pigs, \$5.90@6; roughs, \$5.90@6. Sheep steady; best wethers, \$4.70@4.85; culs and common, \$2@3; yearlings, \$4@5.25; veal calves, \$7.50@8.25.

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