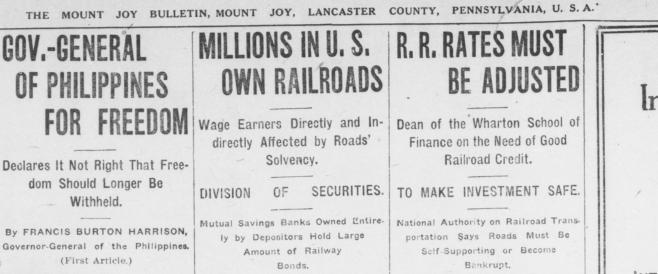


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My six years' ex-

perience as gov-

ernor - general of

the Philippine Is-

lands have con-

vinced me that the

Filipino people are

ready and fit to

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that independence

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securities.

be granted.

As to the question of the stability of

government, I wish to say to the Am-

erican people upon my responsibility

as the governor-general that in my

opinion there exists today in the Phil-

ippine Islands a stable government,

which I think should answer the re-

quirements laid down by Presidents

Grant and McKinley, and as I under-

stand it, also by Mr. Root-namely, a

government elected by the so rage of

the people, which is supported by the

people, which is capable of maintain-

ing order and of fulfilling its interna-

I am very glad to go on record as be-

ing entirely in sympathy with the as-

pirations of the Filipino nation for in-

I have recommended to Congress

that in granting independence some

provision be made similar to what is

known as the Platt amendment in the

treaty with Cuba, which restricts the

ability of the new republic in borrow-

ing of foreign governments and also permits the United States to interfere

with the affairs of the new republic in

case conditions of disorder should be

found to prevail. Such recommenda-

tion does not come as an expression of

the views of the Filipinos; it is my

own view of what would be desirable

to secure a feeling of confidence and

satisfaction on the part of all persons

who have already invested money in

But it is not right that independence

By temperament, by experience, by

be free from every government except

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gent enough to decide for themselves.

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I have found the native Filipino of-

ing so in the near future.

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Gov. Gen. Harrison

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Millions of thrifty Americans who ave laid aside something for a "rainy ay" are directly or indirectly owners f railroad securities. This ownership epresents not only individual invest nt in the railroads, but holdings of ailroad securities by life insurance ompanies, savings banks, fire and ma ine insurance companies, benevolen sociations, educational institutions ist companies and State and Nation banks. A large part of the assets f these institutions depend on the solreturned to their owners? For two ency of the railroads. ears the government has drawh upon The ownership of railroad securities mong these people is divided approx-

Individuals, numbering ove 1,000,000, own outright about \$10, 000,000,000 in railroad securities Over 600,000 are stockholders with an average holding of \$13,956. Life insurance companies, with 53,000,000 policies in force, own nearly \$2,000,000,000 of railway some surplus revenue.

Savings banks, with 10,000,000 depositors, own \$847,000,000. Fire and marine insurance con panies, casualty and surety com panies own a total of \$649,000,000. Benevolent associations, colleges, schools, charit-ble institutions, etc., own \$350,000,000.

Trust companies, State and National banks own \$865,000,000. According to statistics compiled for he Association of Life Insurance Presdents in 1918, 27.65 per cent of life nsurance companies' assets were invested in railroad bonds, and during the first half of 1919 the percentage of a policy of government ownership. railroad bonds held by the life insurance companies was 26.25 of the total for having given greater unity to railassets of these companies.

Interest of Wage Earners. In addition to this widespread own-

rship of equities of American railroads by the people of the United States every wage earner who puts oney into the savings bank has a direct interest in the soundness of railroad investment on account of the

financial ability, in every way, the 11,000,000 Filipinos are entitled to savings banks. re mutual savings banks which have no capital stock, pay no dividends, ficial to be honest, efficient and as capositors. Every dollar that the bank business also belongs to them.

tions as any men I have met anywhere The report of the United States Comptroller of the Currency for 1918 shows that 625 of these savings banks These officials are today governing 1,000 municipalities and forty-two operated on the mutual plan had at the provinces, economically, efficiently and end of 1918 total deposits of \$4,422,for the good of the entire people. They 096,393.15 credited to 9,011,464 depos have a native congress, including many itors, an average deposit of \$490.72. These figures covered mutual savings

In an address on "The Railroad Puzzle." delivered in Philadelphia, January 3, Dr. Emory R. Johnson, dean of the Wharton School of Finance, and one of the nation's leading authorities on railroad transportation, declared that "after the first of March the companies must be self-supporting or be ome bankrupt." Continuing, he said : "Can the railroads be successfully inanced and operated when they are

the public treasury to sustain the credit of carriers. "If the carriers avoid failure their ncome must cover operating expenses naintenance and capital charges; if the companies succeed to the extent that is demanded in public interest, they must not only be able to meet unavoidable expenses, they must have

"If there is no income to be used in part for betterments and in part for ouilding up a surplus or reserve fund, the public will not invest in the railroads, their credit cannot be re-established and maintained and corporate ownership and operation of the railways will fail.

"The income of the carriers is determined by public regulation, and properly so; but from this it follows that the country must decide between a policy of adequate revenues to the railroad corporations of the future and

"The government is entitled to credi road operation, both line and terminal It has done much that the carriers were prohibited from doing. The public now realize that co-operation of the carriers in the joint use of equipment and terminals should be encouraged, instead of prevented.

"The railroad legislation now pend ing in Congress must solve many diffiarge part of the savings of men and cult questions, but the most critical one women wage earners secured by the is that of providing for the future regailroad bonds which are bought by the ulation of railroads in accordance with a policy that will cause the carriers to A great many of these institutions secure revenue sufficient to enable them to perform their services adequately and with progressive efficiency earn no profits for stockholders, and The railroad business must be made attheir entire property belongs to the de- tractive to private investments or the country will have to adopt government earns beyond the actual cost of doing ownership and operation of the railroads. There is no other alternative.

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