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Contains many dainty and artistic pieces of French and German China, including Cake Plates, Salad Bowls, Comb and Brush Trays, Cabarets, Ice Cream Platters, Odd Plates, Cups and Saucers, Chocolate Pots, Cracker Jars, Celery Trays, Mustache Cups and Saucers, Candlesticks, Marmalade Jars, Sugar and Cream Sets, Coffee Cups and Saucers, Mayonnaise Dishes, Hair Receivers, Bon Bon Dishes, Etc.

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EXPLANATION OF MASSACRE

Taft Commission on the Samar Disaster.

LAID TO PASSIONS OF FEW FILIPINOS

Detailed Information Regarding the Installation of Civil Government in the Islands. Progress of Natives.

The first section of the detailed report of the Taft Philippines Commission made public today at the War Department deals principally with the organization of civil Government in the various provinces of the archipelago, although some space is devoted to a discussion of military operations during the past year. In regard to the recent disaster to the army in Samar, the Commission says:

"Nothing could be more unfair than to attribute to the Filipino people at large the motives of those who carried out the well-laid plot at Balangiga. That was in a remote and always turbulent island, still devastated by war, and was devised by persons with all the war passions who have experienced none of the benefits of either peace or civil government. Surely a sense of proportion is wanting in those who would allow an incident of this kind, deplorable as it is, to overcome the evidence which accumulates on every hand of the desire of the people at large for peace and protection by the civil government.

Other Opportunities Offered.

"Had the people of the provinces in which civil government has been organized desired to gratify a feeling of treacherous hostility toward the American troops by such attacks, many posts all over the islands would have afforded opportunity to them long before this.

"It would be a sad injustice if the Samar disaster shall induce on one side a rigor in the treatment of all Filipinos and on their part a consequent revulsion in those feelings of friendship toward the Americans which have been growing stronger each day with the spread and development of civil government.

American Soldiers and Sailors.

In its discussion of the relations between the American soldiers and sailors, the Commission says:

"One of the great desires of the people of the province is protection against the robbers and ladrones of their own race. They have wished for the presence of American troops to afford them this protection. Troops spend money in the towns where they are stationed and this also makes their presence desirable.

"But these benefits are becoming more and more offset by disadvantages that cause a good deal of irritation and the people would now prefer immediate protection by means of civil police. The army occupies the priest's house or convent, municipal and provincial buildings, the school houses, and often many of the best private houses for officers' quarters, while their owners are required to live in Nipa shacks.

Best Feeling Not Promoted.

"Rents are arbitrarily fixed and in many instances are either paid at long intervals or not at all. It does not promote the best feeling to throw soldiers and natives so closely together as this quartering of soldiers involves, especially if discipline is lax, as it sometimes is, and the longer these conditions continue the more irritating they will become.

"Nothing would delight the people of the provinces more than to see the American soldiers withdrawn to posts outside the towns. It would be vastly better for the people and the soldiers. The change is urgently recommended.

The Scheme of Government.

"The general scheme of the central civil government outlined in the report comprises a civil governor, Wm. H. Taft, President of the Commission; a department of the interior, a department of commerce and police; a department of finance and justice, and a department of public instruction. The different departments are presided over by the different members of the Commission. The Commission as a whole is the supreme legislative body of the land. The American members of the body speak in highest terms of the efficient work done by the three Filipino members."

During the spring the Commission made a tour of the southern islands, organizing local civil governments therein, wherever these were found to be practicable. On this subject, the report says:

"There were in the party on the southern trip the wives of the Commissioners and the wives of some of the United States officials, as well as a number of prominent Filipinos from Manila, members of the Federal party, who assisted the committee in every way. The presence of the ladies seemed gratifying to the people we met, as evidence of our confidence in the sincerity of the proposed laws to be introduced.

"It is easy to discredit the sincerity of such manifestations and it must be admitted that people are much more demonstrative and love to show their feelings in fiestas, music, flowers, and arches more than an occidental people, but the evidences of the sincerest interest in our work and of a really cordial welcome were too many to be doubted."

Action Was Premature.

It is admitted by the Commission that the organization of civil government under control of the Commission in certain of the provinces—Cebu, Bohol, and Batangas—was premature, and that later these provinces were turned back to the military authorities to be entirely under the control of the latter until the remnants of the insurrection therein should be eradicated. In several instances the Commission has appointed former insurgent generals to provincial offices where such men have been of especial aid in bringing about peace and where they have been recommended by the commanding officer of the province.

"We believe," says the report, "that the appointments made have had a good effect, and the appointees have been anxious to do their duty."

The general provincial law provides for five officers—governor, treasurer, supervisor, secretary, and fiscal, or prosecuting attorney. The policy of the Commission has been wherever possible, to appoint Filipinos as Governors, secretaries, and fiscals, and Americans as treasurers and supervisors.

The entire report of the Commission which is to be given out to the press in sections from day to day, is 75,000 words in length, making a printed book of 150 octavos.

DIAMONDS IN HIS CLOTHES.

Police Detain a Stranger Charged With Grand Larceny.

The man who was arrested in the jewelry store of Galt & Bro., last night, on suspicion of having stolen a diamond crescent pin, valued at $75, and who gave the name of Albert Thompson, is detained by the police pending an investigation of his career.

A charge of grand larceny has been placed against his name. He was measured and photographed this morning for the rogue's gallery, and the pictures will be sent to the police of other cities in the endeavor to identify the prisoner. Edward G. Niles has been retained as his counsel. While the detectives know nothing of Thompson and his record as yet, they express confidence that he is an expert professional thief.

Thompson claims that he reached this city yesterday morning from Reading, Pa. He visited Galt's store in the morning and made a deposit on a pair of diamond cuff buttons.

About 8:30 o'clock last night he returned, paid for the buttons, and took them. He then asked to see a tray of diamond pins. While he was looking at them the clerk became suspicious and, summoning Policeman Boyce, had the man taken to the police station, where the diamond pin is said to have been found in the cuff of his raglan coat.

Thompson claimed that he was in the Government service in New York, but afterwards stated that he had followed the races all his life. When questioned by Precinct Detective Herndon as to whether anyone was with him he replied: "If there was anyone else do you think I'd tell you. You've got me and that's enough."

Thompson's satchel was secured from the package room at the Pennsylvania depot. Besides the usual contents of a valise it contained a jeweler's microscope and several gold collar buttons.

In Thompson's possession at the time of his arrest, was found $207 in cash, a set of diamond studs worth $225; a gold watch and chain set with diamonds, valued at $175; and the diamond cuff buttons valued at $25.

The prisoner is a man of fine appearance, well dressed and claims to be a personal friend of Robert Pinkerton, of the detective agency of that name.

Population of Russia.

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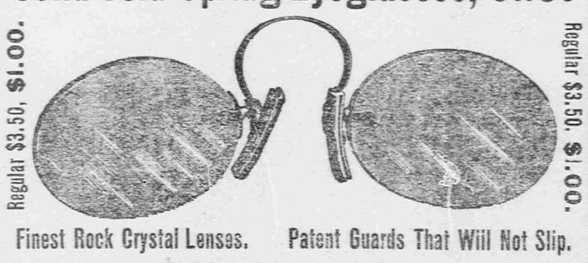

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PERSONAL TAX LAW IN COURT.

Constitutionality Involved in Eugene Peters Estate's Petition.

The constitutionality of the personal tax law in the District came up for consideration this morning before Justice Clabaugh, presiding in Circuit Court No. 2, in connection with the petition of the committee of Eugene Peters, adjudged a lunatic.

The committee asks that a writ of certiorari issue against the District Commissioners requiring them to certify to the court all papers and records in connection with the levy of a personal tax against the estate of Eugene Peters, estimated at about $350,000.

The committee for Mr. Peters is represented by Lambert & Baker, Worthington, Heald & Frailey, and Hamilton & Colbert, and the Commissioners by A. B. Duvall and Edward H. Thomas.

Married Woman Adopted.

READING, Pa., Dec. 19.—Judge Ermentrout granted the petition of John O'Neil and wife asking permission to adopt Mrs. John J. Ertel. Mrs. Ertel is thirty-two years of age, and was married six years ago. Both Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil own real estate and desire that Mrs. Ertel shall be their heir. This is the second adoption of a married person in Berks county.

MISS WACKERMAN BETTER.

Young American Woman Recovering in English Insane Asylum.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The "Daily Mail" says that the mother of Miss Wackerman, the young American girl who recently became insane, has frequently visited the asylum where her daughter is confined.

She says that Miss Wackerman is making satisfactory progress toward recovery and that the doctors are confident that she will soon rejoin her friends.

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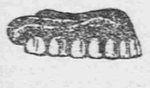

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