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FILIPINOS A RACE OF DEGENERATES

General Chaffee's Review Speaks of Their Very Peculiar Characteristics.

A PEOPLE THAT CAN NEVER BE TRUSTED

History Affords No Parallel of a Nation of Such Traitorous Instincts and Such Masterful Powers of Secrecy—No Powerful State Was Ever Erected Upon Such Immoral and Unenlightened Foundations.

Recent Executions—Case of De Posoy.

Washington, Dec. 19.—"History affords no parallel of a whole people thus practically turning war traitors, and in the bosom of no other people was ever found such masterful powers of secrecy and dissimulation, but it is needless to say that no powerful state was ever erected or ever can be erected upon such immoral and unenlightened foundations."

The case which brought forth this comment from General Chaffee was one wherein a native was tried jointly on a charge of murder. The accused were soldiers in the insurgent army and after defeat by the American army in the field abandoned even the show of open opposition such as the half-uniformed guerrilla bands made and took up their residence at Taytay in Luzon, a place protected by an American garrison, then following the proclaimed policy of the insurgent chiefs, they proceeded to organize secretly a Holy band. When authorization had been given to establish civil government, the band came forward under the leadership of a resident padre and were elected municipal officers of Taytay. Then ensued a remarkable attempt to serve two masters. In all insular matters they served with due appearance of loyalty, the American government, while at the same time they labored secretly and diligently in the interests of the insurrection. This dual form of government, says General Chaffee, existed everywhere, in strongly garrisoned cities like Manila as well as the smallest barrio. The municipal officers of Taytay next entered upon a series of murders and continued their deadly work until the growing number of mysterious disappearances led to the discovery of the perpetrators by the American authorities.

"One undeniable truth," says General Chaffee, "stands out in this case as in hundreds of like cases of murder, that the average native of these islands has not more than the most rudimentary conception of his individual rights and duties as a man; and no one knows this so well as the wily chiefs who use him for their nefarious purposes." Six of the seven murders were sentenced to hard labor, but General Chaffee commuted the sentence of three of them to imprisonment at hard labor for life.

De Posoy's Defense. The seventh native, Leonardo De Posoy, a regularly ordained priest, asked for and was granted a separate trial. When Taytay was given a permanent government of American troops, De Posoy was in the regular pursuit of his calling as curate of the Pueblo. Through his advantages of education, his spiritual relations with the people, and his active interest in secular affairs, he was easily the most influential man in the community. He cultivated the good will of the American officers and promised to aid them in keeping peace. But when the elections to American civil government offices were held, he put forward and caused to be elected as president one Calistonia Jaxay, whom General Chaffee describes as an "illiterate and bigoted man," whom De Posoy well knew was an officer of insurgents and whom he commended to the people as the best man for the office, because he was "holy."

At his trial, De Posoy, who was held to be the chief agent in the Taytay murders, took advantage of the loophole which appeared to be afforded by his position as priest, by contending that while the participants in the wholesale murders in Taytay would confess the same at confession, he was compelled by his sacred office to keep silence.

General Chaffee pronounced this defense of no value, saying that "the confessional does not lay upon any man, priest or layman, the obligation of suppressing knowledge of crimes being committed by third parties, the consummation of which could have been prevented without violating the secrecy of the confessional."

In this particular case, it is stated, the knowledge of the crimes was brought directly to the priest's notice and was not gained through the confessional. General Chaffee confirmed the sentence of death imposed by the court-martial which tried De Posoy, but commuted the sentence to twenty years imprisonment at hard labor, "out of his respect for his calling and for the great religious organization of which he is a most worthy member." Said General Chaffee, in concluding his review: "No person living in these islands can be permitted to plead his case, however sacred or exalted, as a defense for crimes committed."

TO CONTEST TRUSTS.

Representative Jenkins of Wisconsin Introduces a Bill.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Representative Jenkins, of Wisconsin, who proposed a constitutional amendment to control trusts, in the last congress, today introduced a measure of similar character, providing for a constitutional amendment providing that "congress shall have power to regulate commerce in the United States."

"Congress shall have power in the United States to regulate, control, prohibit and dissolve all contracts and combinations in restraint of trade or commerce."

"In absence of legislation by congress pursuant to this article, all powers conferred upon congress by this article may be exercised by the several states."

COAL FAMINE THREATENS CHICAGO

Big Consumers Are Begging Shippers to Supply Them—Railroads Appropriate Small Cars.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Chicago is starting a coal famine in the face, and 15 degrees below zero are predicted by the weather bureau within 24 hours. The situation is serious, as big consumers of hard and soft coal are begging shippers to supply but without avail. The severe weather and the floods throughout the coal mining districts have tied up railroads to such an extent that shipment is almost impossible.

To add to the serious shortage railroad companies are exerting their prerogative of confiscating car lots of coal as fast as they arrive here and are putting them to their own use. Large business houses and suffering severely for the want of coal and many concerns are hampered by reason of insufficient steam power. Today many owners of large buildings were besieging coal dealers and begging that they be supplied with enough coal to tide over the zero weather.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS FOR HOLIDAY RECESS

Special Order Is Made for Consideration of the Nicaragua Canal Bill in House Jan. 7.

Washington, Dec. 19.—In the absence of Mr. Foye, of Maine, pro tem, Mr. Perkins, of California, presided over today's session of the senate.

The bill temporarily to provide revenues for the Philippine islands, which was passed by the house yesterday, is now before the senate on the Philippines. At 12:40 the senate, on motion of Mr. Hale, went into executive session, and at 1 p. m. adjourned until Jan. 6, 1902.

Mr. DeArmond said yesterday that he had action upon certain free delivery mail routes held up while he was in the Philippines, but that those who had made such statements had been in the New York state prisons in 1900. He asserted that the course of the department was in the interest of certain boxes in Missouri.

No action was taken on his statement.

After the adjournment for the consideration of the Nicaragua canal bill after the holiday recess, the house at 12:45 adjourned until Jan. 7, 1902.

Prisoners May Part Their Hair.

Albany, Dec. 19.—Superintendent of State Prison Collins issued an order today prohibiting the cutting of convicts' hair with clippers and directing that prisoners be permitted to wear their hair of such length as to be able to wear it properly. There have been radical changes in the prison in the New York state prisons in recent years. Mr. Collins says that these changes must not be understood as a relaxation of discipline.

Mine Workers Arrested.

Madisonville, Ind., Dec. 19.—Vice President Barnaby, of the United Mine Workers of America, Tennessee district, was arrested as he was about to board a train today for Henderson, Kentucky. Barnaby, Wood, Nitzinger and other union men were indicted by the Webster county grand jury at Dixon yesterday as being accessories before the fact for murder in the recent miners' riot.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Dec. 19.—Arrived: Germania, Liverpool; Allied, New York for Genoa; Hamburg, Liverpool; Boston, New York; Quebec, New York; Salem, Madison from Liverpool; New York, Grand-Passat; L'Apollinaire, New York for Havre; Yorkville, Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse, New York for Liverpool.

Appointed Domestic Prelates.

Harrisburg, Dec. 19.—Eight Rev. John W. Shanahan this afternoon made public the act of a priest of Harrisburg diocese, the Rev. W. C. Pappas, pastor of the Holy Trinity church of Columbia, Pa., has been appointed domestic prelate by the pope.

NO BIDS FOR MINT SITE.

And the Philadelphia Auctioneer Announced No Sale.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—The old United States mint site on Chestnut street, below Front, was put up for sale at auction this afternoon, but no genuine bids were received. Secretary of the Treasury Lyman J. Gage was present. He declined to say anything concerning the attempted sale.

Roosevelt Recommends A FOREST RESERVE

Suggests the Southern Appalachian Region a Proper Locality for a Hardwood Reserve.

Washington, Dec. 19.—President Roosevelt today sent to congress a letter strongly commending the plan for a national forest reserve in the Southern Appalachian region. The letter accompanied the report of the secretary of agriculture on this subject.

BARON TOLL IS IN WINTER QUARTERS

The Arctic Explorer Has Established a Camp on the Nerpenksya River.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—Baron Toll, the arctic explorer, telegraphing via Yakutsk, East Siberia, says his winter quarters have been established on the Nerpenksya coast, in the neighborhood of the Lena Delta, and that an observation station has been opened at Kotchey (Kotich) islands.

CONTRACTOR MORTENSEN ARRESTED ON SUSPICION—NO TRACE OF MONEY.

Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 19.—The mystery of the death of James B. Hay, secretary of the Pacific Lumber company, whose body was found yesterday buried in a shallow trench in a field on the outskirts of the city, remains unsolved. No trace of the \$35,000 which he is said to have collected from Peter Mortensen, a contractor, on Monday night, has been found.

COACH JUMPS THE RAILS

A Dozen or More Passengers Are Injured in an Accident on the Pittsburg and Erie.

Sharon, Pa., Dec. 19.—An accident occurred on the Pittsburg, Bessemer and Lake Erie railway today, by which a dozen passengers were more or less injured, none, however, fatally. Those most seriously hurt are:

Big Fire at Huntingdon.

Huntingdon, Pa., Dec. 19.—Fire tonight destroyed the opera house block, including the stores of A. S. Mullin, C. A. Reed, Douglas, E. Y. Yoder, mechanics; J. B. Post, confectioner; and the Ace department store. Loss, \$475,000; partially insured.

SEWALL'S CONDITION CRITICAL.

Camden, N. J., Dec. 19.—The condition of United States Senator William J. Sewall tonight is critical. He had a sinking spell late this afternoon. His family and two physicians are in constant attendance.

MR. GAGE ON BANKING

An Abstract of the Address Before the New York Bankers' Association.

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POINTS OUT THE DEFECTS

The Weakness of Our System, He Says, Is in the Isolation and in the Entire Separateness of the Individual Banks Over the Country—Mr. Gage Urges a Reform of the Currency System Along Lines Outlined in His Report to Congress.

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KANSAS COMMERCIAL CLUB CELEBRATES

Wu Ting-fang Among the Guests at a Banquet in Commemoration of Signing of John Jay Treaty.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 19.—Five hundred people sat down tonight at the seventh annual banquet of the Commercial club of Kansas City, held in commemoration of the signing of the John Jay treaty. It was the most elaborate affair in the history of the club and one of the largest ever held in the city.

POLICE WARDEN ON TRIAL

Edward G. Glennon Indicted for Neglect of Duty.

New York, Dec. 19.—The case of Police Warden Edward G. Glennon, of the Thirtieth street, or "tenderloin" police station was begun before Recorder Goff in the court of general sessions today. Glennon was indicted for neglect of duty in failing to suppress an alleged disorderly house in West 23rd street.

WEAKNESS OF OUR SYSTEM.

"The weakness of our banking system is in the isolation and entire separateness of the individual banks over the country. When a period of distrust or doubt comes over the land, there is a seeking of personal safety through the general instinct of self-preservation, which drives men in a confused mass over each other at the cry of 'fire' in the theatre. I ventured to suggest a system of condition between individual members of the banking community through the country into one central institution, with convenient branches in the larger cities, in which all banks should be related or interested, according to their individual relative importance, and which in a certain sense should represent to the banking interests of the country what the federal government represents in our political system. Great prejudice, I know, exists against the aggregation of great wealth in the hands of few men. Happily it is the law of nature that larger gains and better advantage can be secured to aggregated wealth by serving faithfully the common interests than by exploiting the community through a system of theft and robbery."

CORPORATIONS CHARTERED.

Harrisburg, Dec. 19.—Charters were issued today to the following corporations: The Grand Trade company, Arnold; capital, \$25,000; The Abram Cox Store company, Philadelphia; capital, \$150,000; Columbia Land company, Pittsburgh; capital, \$100,000; The Bangor Storage and Warehouse company, Bangor; capital, \$100,000.

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