

## CONGRESSMEN FAVOR FILIPINO INDEPENDENCE



Congressman Edward J. King of Illinois.

Washington.—The appointed hour is here: let the Philippines be free. This was the keynote of a speech by Congressman Edward J. King of Illinois, (Republican) in which he reviewed the American occupation of the islands from the first day to the present time. He declared that the United States was honor bound to grant independence without further delay.

Congressman King is one of an increasing number of Republicans in the House who are urging quick action on Philippine independence. Mr. King is the author of a bill which provides that within one year the Philippine government, under presidential proclamation, may assemble a convention and frame a constitution.

After the constitution is ratified by the Filipino people the President may recognize the Philippine Islands as "a separate and self-governing nation." The transfer of authority is to be completed within one year. Provision is made for safeguarding American investments in the Philippines and for the providing of coaling stations and submarine bases in the islands by the United States.

Word from the Philippines is that the people expect early independence and will be sorely disappointed if they do not get it.

"No nation has the right," said Congressman King "to hold another people in peonage, even though it may be argued by the professoriate that the condition is simply one of tutelage."

"A little more observance of the golden rule in national and international affairs would soon dispel that desire for exploitation, the fiercest foe of freedom in the world today."

"When we went to the Philippines we declared before the whole world that we were not actuated by any selfish desire of conquest or territorial aggrandizement, but solely by humanitarian impulses."

Congressman King called attention to the fact that Filipinos are now raising funds to erect a monument to Admiral Dewey, which he said was indirectly a tribute to the American people as well as to Dewey. He recalled the cable that Dewey had sent to President McKinley, which was as follows:

"In my opinion these people (Filipinos) are superior in intelligence and more capable of self government than the natives of Cuba, and I am familiar with both."

Congressman King then recited the preamble to the Jones law, passed August 29, 1916, and declared it was a definite pledge of independence. The preamble stated "It is as it has always been the purpose of the people of the United States to withdraw their sovereignty over the Philippine Islands and to recognize their independence as soon as a stable government can be established therein."

Congressman King stated there was no question but that the Filipinos had established the specified stable government and therefore it is the solemn duty of the United States to grant the promised independence.

## ASKS INDEPENDENCE FOR PHILIPPINES



Francis Burton Harrison

Manila.—Francis Burton Harrison, former governor general of the Philippine Islands, offered his resignation eighteen months ago upon condition that the Secretary of War recommend to President Wilson that a Filipino be appointed his successor. He made the offer while in Washington in 1919.

Discussing Philippine independence, the governor general said: "I can see in the future a very beautiful vision. When the flag of the Philippine republic shall be hoisted, when the Stars and Stripes will come floating down to the strains of 'The Star Spangled Banner'—that flag, Old Glory, so rich in happy and honorable achievements, will be made doubly dear because it will mean that the United States will have kept its word to the people of the Philippine Islands."

**School of Journalism in Philippines**  
Manila.—A school of journalism, the first in the Far East, has been established at the University of the Philippines, in Manila.

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The question of marriage has been raised by Bert Kraus, Brooklyn, who claims to be a nephew of the decedent. He has started proceedings to contest the validity of the will on the ground his uncle was of unsound mind and unduly influenced. The contestant also declares his uncle was a bachelor.

Supporting the last conception, Bert Kraus filed with the Surrogate affidavits of Henry Olshesheimer, President of the Metropolitan Bank; Nathan Jonas, president of the Manufacturers' Trust Company; Emil Berholzheim, president of the Eagle Pencil Company, and Victor Wolf, all of whom declared they knew Samuel Kraus intimately for many years and that Kraus was reputed among his associates to be and was known by them as a bachelor.

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Soon afterward Mr. Sherman came to Gettysburg to visit his aunt and found that she had been taken to Harrisburg and that the clock had been

sold. He at once instituted proceedings to recover it. Judge McPherson, hearing the case without a jury, ruled for the defendant, and an appeal has been taken.

### Judge Says Bachelor of 67 Cannot Adopt Woman of 29

New York, March 18.—Can a bachelor of 67 years adopt a woman of 29, who has endeavored herself to him by teaching him the latest jazz step? "Not!" thundered Surrogate Cohan today, when this question was put before him, as a matter of judicial decision. And without pausing for breath the surrogate proposed the solution. "Let the woman marry someone else and then adopt the paternal bachelor as her son."

His friendship with the woman began when he sought to learn new dance steps. So proficient was she that he cultivated her friendship. He learned she wrote and sang songs, and he aided her in this work. As time went

on the only way out, he concluded, was to adopt her.

Surrogate Cohan listened to this without emotion. Then he glowered down on Curtis and said:

"If that is your reason for wanting to adopt this young woman you won't do it with the aid of this court. It's a parody on all laws of society, and if I were to be a party to such an adoption we would have a lot of old rouges coming here wanting to adopt young girls."

### Five-Year Term for Fake Doctor.

Wilmington, Del., March 18.—Antonio Gardino, who claimed he was a "famous" Cuban physician and admitted branding the head of eight-year-old Felix Marino to cure the boy of feeble-mindedness and an impairment of speech, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$1000 by Judge Hastings in the Municipal Court this afternoon.

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