

## The Messenger.

### PHILIPPINE TARIFF BILL.

The debate on the Philippine tariff bill, which ended in the passage of that measure by the house of representatives last Tuesday, was a most interesting one and it showed, together with the vote, that there are many republicans who think that the time has come for a revision of our present tariff laws, and it was also shown—and that by republicans—that the legislation of the American congress in the past as to the Philippines had not always been in the interest of those people. A most notable expression regarding the latter was that of Mr. Crumpacker, of Indiana, in a speech delivered January 12th in which he said:

About two years ago congress passed a law extending the coastwise laws of the United States to the Philippine Archipelago, to become operative on the 1st day of July, 1906. After that law goes into operation every pound of freight and every passenger between the United States and the Philippine islands must be carried in an American boat. It is admitted on all hands that the effect of the law will be to increase substantially the rate on commerce and travel between the United States and the Philippines. It is now generally conceded by those who are familiar with the situation that the law will operate disastrously upon the commerce and the prosperity of the people of the islands. That law was clearly not in the interest of the people of those islands, but was for the benefit of the shipowners and shipbuilders of the United States.

The following extract from a speech made on the 11th instant by Mr. Williams, the democratic leader, gives in the last paragraph the substance of the committee majority bill, the one which the house passed. It provides for free trade between the United States and the Philippines on all products except three, sugar, tobacco and rice—the last having been added to the exception clause after Mr. Williams' speech. These are to pay twenty-five per cent of the duties imposed by the Dingley bill.

It will be seen that the democratic leader thinks the republicans are being driven toward tariff revision and that this bill is the first step in that direction. He said in part:

Mr. Chairman: We have just listened to another of those well known republican speeches upon the tariff question which illustrate the aptness of the Latin adage, "Qui ambulat in tenebris nescit quo vadit." Whoever walks in the shadows is ignorant beforehand of the point at which he is coming out. The closing part of that speech illustrated the fact that when a tariff bill falls it benefits the American people. The object in imposing a tariff is to raise the price of the article upon which it is imposed. If the tariff be imposed for protection, whenever it fails to do that, then the object of the protectionist has failed, and then the protectionist in due course of time comes before the American congress and boasts of its failure as one of the blessings of protectionism.

The gentleman has just shown that American salt is much cheaper than foreign salt that American meat curers use it all the time. He has proved that the object in laying a protective tariff upon salt has failed, and then the gentleman congratulates the country upon the benefits which were derived for the consumers from cheap salt.

Now, Mr. Chairman, if a man were to attempt to dam up a stream and were to discover afterwards that the stream had dug itself a new channel around the dam with a current as strong as ever, and were to come in and boast that he had created an additional current, he would stand in just about the attitude that the gentleman stands.

Mr. Chairman, let us get our bearings. I want to talk about these particular bills. What is the choice of the house today when it comes to the question of fixing the commercial relations between the Philippine islands and continental United States or the balance of the United States? We stand with a majority bill before us, and I am glad to welcome its advocates among the democratic following in this house the Agamemnon of the republican party, the gentleman from New York (Mr. Payne); old Ulysses himself, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Grosvenor); and young Achilles, perhaps with a vulnerable heel, but nothing else vulnerable about him, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Dalzell). (Laughter.) The gentleman from Colorado was right when he said these gentlemen even in advocating their own bills were following in the heroic footsteps. We have been for years trying to drive the republican party to the very position which this majority bill now expresses, and what strikes me as curious is that there are some few men upon this side of the chamber who, when we have succeeded in bringing them to that position, want us now to quit driving because they are about to do what we have been trying to make them do for years. One proposition before the house is the majority bill. What is it? It is a recognition of the democratic claim that

all parts of the common domain of the United States ought to have free trade with one another. The majority bill recognizes free trade now in every product except two, and then it says that on and after a certain day in 1909 we shall have free trade between these two separate parts of the common domain of the United States in all products, these two products included.

### THE REPUBLICAN REVOLT.

Is the political history of Mr. Cleveland's administration going to repeat itself during the present administration? Is Mr. Roosevelt going to take such positions on certain public questions as will drive the majority of his party from him as has been done twice in the history of our country—in the administrations of Tyler and of Cleveland? A good many politicians and people who are not politicians are predicting that such will be the case.

The Charlotte Observer of last Wednesday, the day after the vote was taken in the house of representatives on the Philippine tariff bill, contained this editorial:

Our Washington correspondent notes in yesterday's paper that "it is the deliberate opinion of many close political observers that President Roosevelt is today face to face with the same situation that President Cleveland was compelled to face during his last administration, and there are not a few republicans who fear that it will end as disastrously for the republican party as did the breach between Mr. Cleveland and congress for the democratic party." Things certainly appear to be tending in that general direction.

In this connection some figuring in regard to the vote on the Philippine tariff bill will be interesting. It must be borne in mind that the bill passed by the house was an "administration measure" and that it passed just as it came from the committee, with the exception of a few minor amendments. The only one of any importance was the putting of rice with sugar and tobacco, subject to a duty equal to twenty-five per cent of the tariff levied by the Dingley bill on these articles.

The democrats of the house supported this bill on the ground that it was in line with their party's tenets on the tariff.

There are in the present house of representatives 249 republicans and 137 democrats making 386 members, 194 being a bare majority. There were 71 votes cast against the bill. Add this number to the 137 democrats and you will have 208, a majority of 15 of all the members and thirty more than the republican vote for the bill. There was not a full vote on the bill, only 329 members voting, but had the vote of every absent republican been counted for the bill and all the democrats joined the bolting republicans the administration bill would have been defeated by the majority of 30 as shown above, the vote standing 208 to 178.

While we do not pretend to say that an occasion will arise during the present session of congress where this same number of republican bolters will join the democrats in opposition to an administration measure, these figures show that there is such opposition to Mr. Roosevelt in his own party that such a thing is entirely possible and that the hold of the administration on congress is by no means firm.

There is another administration bill pending in congress which is causing the president much uneasiness lest it fail. That is the statehood bill. The "insurgent" republicans seem to have made up their minds to embarrass the administration by opposing this along with its other pet schemes.

### MIDSHIPMEN DISMISSED.

To date the results of the court-martial at the naval academy have been the dismissal of three cadets. It does not look as if the investigation is over either, Meriwether is sure to go and, no doubt, there will be others. We have no sympathy for the men who are dismissed for the kind of hazing which is carried on at the academy. It is a species of brutality and cowardice which should not be countenanced and men who practice it are not fit to have command of the men who form our navy. We hope the navy department will continue the trials until the practice is broken up. This action should have been taken long ago. All the officers connected with the academy for years past must have known that it was being done. The cowardly and unmanly practice led to perjury in at least two cases which have been tried recently. In them the testimony was directly and most positively contradictory.

The president has decided to give another hearing on the application for pardon of Lawrence Pulliam, the Asheville bank cashier, convicted of embezzlement and sentenced to six years' imprisonment. Senator Overman was notified of this fact Wednesday.

The marshalship of this district will stay in the Dockery family. The president has ordered the appointment of Claude Dockery, a nephew of Henry C. Dockery, the present incumbent. He is just about ending his second four-year term. We have no kick coming. We would as lief see Claude have it as the old man, and we reckon it is all the same to them. They are both clever men and we are glad that the matter is decided as it has been.

### TILLMAN'S ATTACK ON ROOSEVELT.

Mr. Tillman's denunciation of the president in the senate was terrific and we must say, in our opinion, entirely out of place. We do not see that the senate has any authority to investigate a breach of the criminal laws in the White house. That is a matter for the courts. When they have passed on the case and found the men guilty of assault on the lady then will be the time for criticising Mr. Roosevelt for having allowed the men to remain in service after such brutal conduct toward a lady.

The country does not know yet what was the conduct of these men. Two accounts, very different from each other, have been given of the affair. According to one their conduct was outrageous. The other shows that they did nothing more than their duty and committed no violence upon the lady, using only so much force as her violent conduct made necessary to remove her.

Now that the affair has taken such a turn as Mr. Tillman's speech has given it we hope Mr. Roosevelt will call for a full investigation of the conduct of the men by the proper tribunal. It would have been better had this been done when first there was so much sensational matter about it in the press.

We do not mean to defend the men if they acted as some charge they did, nor the president, if he retained them in office knowing such to have been their conduct; but all we say is let's have the facts before passing judgment on either. If the former are guilty, as Mr. Tillman charged, they deserve the severest punishment, and if the latter, knowing their guilt, passed it over and caused a false statement to be given to the public he deserves condemnation for his action.

### HAS A TON OF RATTLESNAKES.

Dealer Down in Texas Sells Them by Weight.

B. F. Armstrong, a professional snake and wild animal collector, has more than a ton of rattlesnakes at his camp, situated near here. He sells his snakes by weight instead of by number. He is preparing to make a big shipment to northern and eastern points. He also supplies large quantities of rattlesnakes for a snake oil factory that is in operation at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Owing to the mildness of climate down here he can carry on his work of capturing the snakes throughout the whole year. He has a number of assistants who are experts in capturing them. These assistants are Mexicans, who are thoroughly familiar with the habits and haunts of the rattlers which are always taken alive. Even those which are intended for the oil factory are not killed until just before they are to be put through the boiling process.—Brownsville (Texas) Dispatch.

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Big Real Estate Deal—Electric Line. Big deals in real estate are the order of the day in Franklin, the latest being one of Allen Brothers' large plantations. The amount involved is \$50,000. Land has increased in value at a rapid rate within the past few years in this county.

Among the latest industrial developments in this section is the building of an electric road from Henderson to Springhope, a large part of the stock having already been subscribed.—Louisburg Special to Charlotte Observer.



are caused by indigestion. If you eat a little too much, or if you are subject to attacks of indigestion, you have no doubt had shortness of breath, rapid heart beats, heartburn or palpitation of the heart. Indigestion causes the stomach to expand—swell, and puff up against the heart. This crowds the heart and interferes with its action, and in the course of time the heart becomes diseased.

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### A HUSBAND DISAPPEARS.

The Wife in Concord and the Husband as Yet Not Heard From—A Sad Case.

Mrs. J. B. Simmons the young wife and mother who came to Concord last Monday night looking for and expecting her husband, is still here and nothing has been heard of the husband. Several attempts have been made to find him and he being at one time a member of the Junior Order and an organizer, the members of the order in this city have taken the matter in hand and will see that the wife and child is cared for, as well as prosecute a vigorous search for the husband.

The woman is in a very distressing condition and unable to understand the circumstances that keep her husband away from her. Being an organizer, according to the wife, for the Modern Woodmen, he may have been sent away by the home office of the order and had no time to notify his wife. No letters from him have gone to Greensboro, since the postmaster there has been asked to forward any that might be there.

There is a certain mystery about the case which none understand. It looks to many like the man has deserted his wife, but she does not agree to such an idea, believing to the utmost in him. She is a very young woman. She ran away to marry and does not want to go back to her mother, who has married a second husband.

The case is not without a sad aspect and a committee from the Juniors is looking after the woman and will do everything possible to find the husband.—Concord Tribune.

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### DURHAM WANTS ORPHANAGE.

Junior Order Councils of That City to Make Strenuous Efforts to Secure Its Location There.

The Durham Juniors will make an effort to get the state orphanage of this order, which is to be established soon—at the next meeting of the state council. When the state meeting is held Durham will have a good substantial offer to make for the orphanage.

Two years ago Tar Heel council No. 2, of this city, made the best offer of any council in the state, offering a site and the largest cash donation. At a meeting of this council last night pledges in the sum of \$1,200 were made and committees were appointed to visit the business men of the city and solicit donations. This soliciting will begin at once and it is hoped that before the meeting of the council there will be a large amount in cash and good pledges and that the orphanage can be landed for Durham.

The Junior Order United American Mechanics is a growing order, and now has a very large membership in this state. The order has reached the point where an orphanage is necessary to take care of the orphans of Juniors.

It is known that several of the largest councils in the state will make an effort to get this institution for their towns. In the effort to be made here Tar Heel council will be assisted by East and West Durham councils. The committees hope to get such encouragement as will give the Durham end of the string a good show from the very start.—Durham Herald.

### LIBERAL AND LABOR GAINS.

Rural England Seems to be Following the Lead of the Towns.

London, January 18.—Rural England is now being polled and is returning Liberals to Parliament with the same enthusiasm as has already been displayed by the towns. Few additional returns are available, as generally the county pollings are not known until the day following the balloting, but those announced show persistent Liberal and Labor gains.

Glasgow has gone strongly Liberal, the seven contests there being marked by four Liberal and one Labor gain, while the only two Unionists left in the representation are free traders. John Morley, secretary of state for India, was returned for Montrose by a good majority.

Taken altogether the returns, although less sensational than those previously reported, are most disastrous from the Unionist standpoint. No less than six members of the Balfour ministry have been unseated, making the total number of cabinet members defeated eleven.

Since the elections opened the Unionists have gained only three seats, while the ministerialists have gained 132 seats. The seats up to the present are distributed as follows: Liberals, 202; Unionists, 87; Laborites, 35; Nationalists, 60.

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