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The Form of Government Suggested for the Philippine Islands by the Commission.

REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT.

He Transmits the Same to Congress--Territorial Form of Government Outlined--Provinces to Be Turned Into Counties--As Few Americans as Possible to Be Used.

Washington, Feb. 3--The president Friday transmitted to congress the first volume of the report of the Philippine commission. It is a volume of 294 pages, including the appendix, and is signed by Prof. S. M. Adams, Admiral Dewey, Col. Denby and Prof. Worcester. The principal subject dealt with is the plan of government proposed by the commission. It includes a discussion of the Spanish government existing prior to the war, the various reforms desired by the Filipinos and the constitutions proposed by them, together with the conclusions and plans suggested by the commission. The report also covers many other matters connected with the social administration of the islands, racial characteristics, education, secular and religious orders, the Chinese in the islands, public health, currency, etc., as well as the condition and needs of the United States in the Philippines from a naval and maritime standpoint. The second volume of the report, which will not be ready for several weeks, will contain a detailed description of the climate and natural resources of the islands. The chief interest in the report naturally is the plan of government proposed by the commission.

Favor Home Rule.
The commission announces itself unequivocally in favor of a government of the Philippines analogous to that of the United States, with a governor appointed by the president. They say it is desirable that the inhabitants of the archipelago should enjoy a large measure of home rule in local affairs, their towns to enjoy substantially the rights and privileges of towns in the territory.

The provinces should be vested with substantially the functions of a county in a territory; this system might be applied to Luzon and the Visayan islands at once, and a beginning might be made on the coast of Mindanao. The sub-archipelago, calling for special arrangements with the Sultan, the commission says, need not be considered in this connection.

Filipino Officers.
The Filipinos could manage their own town and county affairs through their own officers, whom they could elect with no help from American officials except such as would be involved in control from the central government at Manila. The franchise should be restricted by educational or property qualifications, or both. This system would necessitate a small body of American officials of great ability and integrity and of patience and tact in dealing with other races, and on this account the commission recommends that they should be high salaried. The commission says they could be called advisers or commissioners, and that one or every 250,000 natives should elect them. It would be the duty of such commissioners to report upon their work to the central government at Manila. Their main function would be to advise town and county officials in the discharge of their duties and to watch the collection of revenue and its expenditures. Our government of the Philippines, the commission insists, must be adapted to the Filipinos.

Basis for the Government.
A territorial government, it concludes, is a desideratum. The commission takes as a basis for the government proposed the territorial organization of Louisiana. The act is set forth in full. It provides for a governor and secretary of the treasury, and vests the legislative power in a council appointed annually by the president. Courts are also provided for. "This scheme of government," says the commission, "possesses, besides its intrinsic merits, the historical interest attaching to origination with the author of the declaration of independence."

Thinks Task Would Be Easy.
The commission, while not underrating the difficulty of governing the Philippines, is disposed to believe the task easier than is generally supposed. The Filipinos, they say, are of unusually promising material, possessing admirable personal and domestic virtues and being naturally peaceful, docile and dependent on assistance. The educated among them, though constituting a minority, they say, are far more numerous than is generally supposed, and the commission bears strong testimony to their high range of intelligence and social refinements.

Conclusions Reached.
These picked Filipinos will be of infinite value to the United States in the work of establishing and maintaining civil government throughout the archipelago.

Under the third head is included a copy of the report of the Senate on the Lodge, which was read in the senate the other day, denying Aguinaldo's claim that he was promised independence. The commission, who also interest themselves in public affairs, in general recognize as indispensable American authority, guidance and protection.

"Congress should, at the earliest practicable time, provide for the Philippines the form of government heretofore recommended or another equally liberal and beneficial."
"Pending any action on the part of congress, the commission recommends that the president put in operation this scheme of civil government in such parts of the archipelago as are peaceful."
"The great care should be taken in the selection of officials for administration. They should be men of the highest character and fitness. Military politics should be entirely separated from the government of the Philippines."

Noted Evangelist Dead.
Ottumwa, Ia., Feb. 5.--Rev. Booker Fox, one of the most noted negro evangelists the west has known, passed away at his home in this city Sunday morning, aged 104 years. He was born in Nashville, Tenn., in 1796.

Acquitted.
Chicago, Feb. 6.--George W. Hinman, editor of the Inter Ocean, was acquitted Monday morning of the charge of having criminally libeled H. H. Kohlsaat, editor of the Times-Herald and the Evening Post.

HONORS TO DEAD HEROES.

Remains of Gen. Lawton Lie in State in Indianapolis--Body of Maj. Logan Reaches Youngstown.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Feb. 6.--The remains of the late Maj. Gen. Henry W. Lawton Monday lay in state in this city, his former home. The occasion was one of general observance. Chicago, Feb. 6.--In a coffin hidden under the silken folds of the national colors, in defense of which he gave up his life, the body of Maj. John A. Logan lay in state in Memorial hall in the public library building. Piled in fragrant profusion on and about the coffin were handsome floral offerings sent by friends and relatives of the dead soldier and military organizations of which his father was a member. Thousands viewed the remains.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 7.--The body of Gen. Henry W. Lawton, which arrived in this city from Fort Wayne Monday night, was transferred to the state capital at 11:30 Tuesday, where it lay in state Tuesday afternoon. The capitol was elaborately decorated in honor of the dead soldier of Indiana, and from the time the coffin was placed on the catafalque in the great rotunda until the doors were closed the stream of people anxious to take a last look at the face of the dead was unbroken.

Youngstown, O., Feb. 7.--The special train bearing the body of the late Maj. John A. Logan arrived over the B. & O. Tuesday. The remains will lie in state from ten to one o'clock to-day. The funeral will occur at two o'clock with interment in the Andrews mausoleum in Oak Hill cemetery.

SIGN THE TREATY.

By It England Gives United States Absolute Control Over Construction of Nicaragua Canal.

Washington, Feb. 6.--The Hay-Pauncefote treaty, amendatory of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty relative to the construction of the Nicaragua canal, was signed at the state department yesterday by Secretary Hay and the Right Hon. Lord Pauncefote, British minister. As soon as the treaty is ratified and the ratifications have been exchanged, the United States will be at liberty to proceed at once with the construction of an isthmian canal unfettered by any obligations toward Great Britain save that of allowing to British citizens, as to the citizens of other nations, the use of the canal on the same terms with American citizens.

Sues for Damages.
Chicago, Feb. 7.--A bill for an injunction against the Associated Press was filed in the federal court Tuesday by the Tribune company asking the court to restrain the Associated Press from pirating and transmitting to other papers for publication all that portion of the Tribune's special cable service comprising the news and editorial views of the London Times. Damages to the extent of \$100,000 are asked.

Death of Judge Key.
Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 5.--D. M. Key, postmaster general in President Hayes' cabinet and a retired judge of the United States court, died at his home in this city Saturday night. He had been in failing health for some time, but the immediate cause of his death was a blood clot upon the brain.

Local Option in Ohio.
Columbus, O., Feb. 8.--The Clark local option bill passed the house Wednesday afternoon by a vote of 59 to 40. The bill provides for local option elections in wards and cities and was championed by the Anti-Saloon league. The friends of the bill say it is certain to pass the senate.

Died in Prison.
Albany, N. Y., Feb. 8.--"Bill" Cook, who was sentenced in 1895 to 40 years' imprisonment in the Albany penitentiary, died there Wednesday morning, consumed by the Indian territory.

Swept by Flames.
St. Louis, Feb. 5.--Fire among business houses in this city caused a loss of \$1,500,000 and one fireman was killed and 12 other persons were injured.

THE MARKETS.

New York, Feb. 8.	
LIVE STOCK--Steers	\$4.80 @ 5.80
Hogs	5.20 @ 5.40
Sheep	4.20 @ 4.75
WHEAT--Winter Patents	3.35 @ 3.80
Minnesota Patents	3.35 @ 3.80
WHEAT--No. 2 Red	72 1/2 @ 75 1/2
CORN--No. 2	73 1/2 @ 74 1/2
OATS--No. 2 White	31 @ 31 1/2
RYE--No. 2	19 @ 20
FACTORY	16 @ 19
CHEESE--Wagon	13 @ 15
CHICAGO.	
CATTLE--Fancy Heaver	\$9.00 @ 10.00
Feeder	7.20 @ 8.20
Stockers	3.20 @ 4.00
Bulls	2.75 @ 4.40
HOGS--Light	4.75 @ 4.85
Medium	4.60 @ 4.75
SHEEP	4.00 @ 5.00
BUTTER--Creameries	17 @ 22 1/2
Dairies	17 @ 22 1/2
EGGS--Fresh	9 @ 10
PORK--May	11.00 @ 11.15
LARD--May	6.10 @ 6.17 1/2
GRAIN--Wheat, No. 1	67 1/2 @ 68
Do No. 2	65 1/2 @ 66
Rye, No. 1	55 1/2 @ 56
Barley, No. 2	46 @ 46 1/2
KANSAS CITY.	
GRAIN--Wheat, May	63 1/2 @ 64
Do, No. 2	59 1/2 @ 60
OATS--No. 2 White	24 1/2 @ 25
Rye, No. 2	31 @ 31 1/2
ST. LOUIS.	
CATTLE--Native Steers	\$3.50 @ 6.35
Texas Steers	3.00 @ 4.85
HOGS--Packers	4.00 @ 5.00
Butchers	4.80 @ 5.50
SHEEP--Native Muttons	4.25 @ 6.50
OMAHA.	
CATTLE--Native Steers	\$4.00 @ 6.50
Cows and Heifers	3.10 @ 5.25
Dairy	4.00 @ 5.25
HOGS--Mixed	4.07 @ 4.70
SHEEP--Western Muttons	4.40 @ 5.10

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