BOODLE FOR BANKERS

A Re ablican Congress Passes Laws to Enable Them to Get More Than Twenty

Per Cent on Investments The enormous amount of boodle voted to the national bankers by the Less expenses, cost of printing, present congress is almost beyond belief. Any man of common sense who knows enough of arithmetic to divide 160 by 6, can see that it will run up into the millions. If any five persons can get the control of \$100,000 for a few days and have besides that \$6,000 of their own they can establish a nations; bank and draw interest on \$200,-669. They put in \$6,000 and draw interest on \$200,000. This boodle is prominently advertised in the great by the brokers of that and other cities. Journal of Commerce and Commercial government bonds. It was sent to ankers throughout the country and showed the immense profits under the republican law in the bank note circupockets of the people.

Following is an extract from that Among its other attractive features the hill provides for the issue of new

2 per cent thirty-year gold bonds, the Governor Poynter Favors State Ownership reduction of 1/2 per cent per annum in the tax on circulation where secured by these bonds, the issue of notes to the full face value of the bonds deposited, and the right to increase circulation at any time by repeal of the restriction which has heretofore prevented its increase until the expiration dreulation.

their holdings of the old issues which

full advantage of the transaction. above are also shown.

Table showing the percentage of in- ditions are not going to continue. vesiment:

\$100,000 "twos" would cost at 105\$106,000 Less circulation issued against 682'90 100,000

as follows: Interest on \$100,060 "twos" per Les tax 1/2 per cept\$500 Less sinking fund to retire premium, to be improved at 4 per

vestment of \$6,000. WITH MONEY AT 5 PER CENT.

Less expense, cost of printing.

RELATIVE VALUES. With "threes," 111.98. With "fours," of 1967, 117.80 ex- would favor state control. April interest.

With "fives," 116.68. Twos cost 166. TWOS AT 107. showing the perceptage of income realized on the actual cash inrestment: \$109,000 "twos" would cost at

Less circulation issued against SAME 100,000 Actual cash investment ...\$ 7,000

as follows: Interest on \$100,000 "twos" per Less tax 1/2 per cent\$500 Less sinking fund to retire premium, to be improved s'. 4 per cent 125 Less expense, cost of printing,

RELATIVE VALUE. With "threes," lizze.

April interest With "fives," 117.68. "Twos" cost 107. TWOS" AT 108.

Table showing the percentage of in- Pittsburg Kansan. come realized on the actual cash in-\$100,960 "twos" would cost at

Less circulation issued against

On which income would be received as follows: Interest on \$100,000 "twos" per

annum\$2,000 Less tax 1/2 per cent\$550 Less sinking fund to retire premium, to be improved at 4 per

Equivalent to 15.71 per cent cash investment of \$8,000. WITH MONEY AT 5 PER CENT. Percentage of theome realized on actual cash investment of 16 per cent.

RELATIVE VALUES. With "threes," 113.98. April interest. With "fives," 118.68.

"Twos" cost 108. way of stating the facts may be some-It is not the statement of crazy pops but the gist of it is, that by buying or free cliver lunatics, but of the great bonds on the market at the present the Boers. To these must be added fired into the prisoners.

who can believe that permanent prosten of the citizens of this country are brokerage firm making a specialty of cent on all the money that does the business of this nation? The average their independence. Then he adds: increase of wealth for the last fifty years has been about three per cent. It simply means that there will be the their conduct of the war and their stion-which profit comes out of the greatest panic in the near future that humanity to the wounded and pris-

ARID LANDS IN NEBRASKA

in Preference to Leasing by National Government:

The stock raisers in the western part this state are considerably interin the final disposition of the arid and semi-arid lands in that section of six months from the last decrease in of the country. The national govern- subjects, and a new Ireland, to an is a hungry army of men, women and ment backed up the English demand. Many banks have already increased must be made of these ands as they Indian responsibilities alone are Africa. This is an alarming situation, are to be refunded into new 2 per are now handled at a loss to the gov- enough for your powers. cents, and, while there has been a ma- ernment. Many of the stock raisers "This brings me in orderly sequence and the view is even more startling The Letter Making Assessments on the terial advance in the prices of all gov- prefer to have the lands handled as to the last indictment against you of when it is remembered that pauperernment bonds during the last few they are now, but as that will not be, thinking Americans. We would see ism never existed in the Transvaal. days, they are still obtainable at prices the question comes to which they the British Empire maintained for making the new twos very attractive would prefer-which would be best many and good reasons. Your present At the present prices every dollar tional government to great corporal made it clear to the world that your lieved in one day in February, 1899; elect President McKinley is indicated invested in circulation will realize tions and syndicates that would be army is unequal to the vast task im- but 4,852 more than were relieved in in the following table: formed immediately for that purpose, posed, should it be seriously tested, as in no other way can such rates of or a system of state ownership. Gov. it may readily be and soon. We feel interest, absolutely free from risk, be ernor Poynter bas given the matter outraged, speaking reasonably, at the

act promptly in order to secure the ing the matter says:

come realized on the actual cash in- The Interior Department has deter-On which income would be received tem of control. With this understanding I have been favoring the cession ment leasing that could be devised.

seems to me, of a system of govern-Equivalent to 21.55 per cent on in- be uniform and applying to all the trol under laws made by the various Percentage of income realized on the state legislatures to suit the conditions so-called "Anglo-Saxonism," but every actual cash investment, 21.83 per cent. of the respective states in which these serious mind in America from Maine

Very truly yours, W. A. POYNTER.

Spreckles Gets His Boodle

The contract for carrying the mail from San Francisco to New South 107 \$107.000 Wales and two intermediate ports has been awarded John D. Spreckels, the sugar king and practical owner of the Hawaiin Islands, for ten years at \$16. On which income would be received 000 for the round trip, and seventeen Philippines, has written a letter to his being twice as much as the wages, Uncle Sam has nothing-John D. 725 all 'be profit on cargo and passengers Captain Cloman's command, now sta- Merrimac. The third was in the purand the handsome balance of a milion tioned at Bongas. Equivalent to 18.21 per cent on in would break John D.'s heart and ever- sent out from the military camp on in round numbers \$8,000,000 and \$5,-Percentage of income realized on the build, own and operate its own mail house, Carter, and Gibbons. actual cash investment 18.50 per cent. ships and carry freight and passengers He says the little party was treach- army transports. The total amount at a trifle more than cos. Far better erously set upon by the Filipinos on paid for this set build up John D. Spreckel's family, the coast of Tawi-Tawi. With "fours," of 1907, 118.80 ex- make them still more millionairish De Wolfe and Carter were killed, was nearly \$3,000,000. than they now are, than that the peo- and the others made their way back their own mails and to camp, Mygatt asserts.

The fifth opportunity was in the purity its issue of March 31, as follows:

Chase of clothing for the army.

TELLING THE TRUTH

the English People Telling Them How Americans Feel About the War

Rev. F. B. Nash, Rector of Trinity Episcopal church, Newark, Ohio, re- the others. cently wrote a letter to the English people, which was published in the London Saturday Review, making the upon the fransvaal war that has yet appeared in print. He tells them first that neither the great dailies of New the first shot,' he shouted. With "fours," of 1907, 119.80 ex- York nor the post prandial speeches of rich Americans either on this side Now that is the circular sent out by of the people. He says that practi- ject. financial papers and solid houses of high premium and investing in the nearly the whole of the foreign pop-Wall street. In a recent issue of the national banking business there is a ulation in the cities, especially the running out to inquire into the cause about \$1,000,000 apiece for purchase certain profit of about 20 per cent on Germans and the Irish. He declares of the shooting. The man in charge and repairs, and from \$900 to \$1,300 a "That the Boers are a Christian and

> a civilized people is shown equally by oners. To question the first is to judge There are Hundreds of Thousands of The yourselves so far, as they are at any rate your equals as warriors; and to question the last is an absurdity in view of the contrast between Elandslaagte and Nikolson's Nek. But when you have overwhelmed in blood and ruin this gallant little people-what then? You have bitterly offended the moral sense of Christendom, and Africa, and a blood feud. What for? To add a few square miles of rocky barren and a gold mine; a few sullen

for all concerned—leasing by the na- course is suicidal. Already you have above was 3,296 less than were re- publican party expects to collect to re-Editor Independent: - Many of our high ends of your great empire, that We append comparative tables show- western stockmen, especially what are must issue from this unworthy aim ing the results of circulation based known as the small stock men, are before you of conquering the valiant year than in February last year, but been sent out by that organization. up a the new 2 per cents at 106, 107, opposing state ownership of our west- Transvaal; an aim well characterized worse in February this year than in This letter calls attention to the and 16%, with money both at 4 per cent ern grazing lands upon the theory by your own Nonconformist clergy January, the previous month. and 5 per cent. The relative prices that they would prefer the conditions lately as "A scandal to Christendom of the "threes," "fours" of 1997, and that now exist. If these conditions and civilization." It is because of our "fives" with the "twos" costing as could continue it would probably be thorough respect and veneration for as good for our small ranchers and all that is best and noblest in British stock men as any other, but these con- character and story, that I venture to state this so strenuously. It needs and deserves statement and restatement. mined to dispose of these lands because Hence I hope you will courteously pubthey are now handled at a loss to the lish this American protest, or rather government. The question is then, answer to your own remark. We whether our people would prefer gov- would be bound to Old England in the ernment leasing, which we know sincerest bonds of amity and mutual would mean the control of these lands helpfulness, and we recognize the spe-Actual cash investment ... \$ 6,000 by great syndicates, or some other sys. cial ties of community in language, literature, religion and civic ideals. We are proud of all these and would of the public lands directly to the state. have them grow ever stronger, and our erick, 9,609. could devise laws for the control of so also do we as sincerely desire to these lands should they be given the cultivate peace and friendship with zette (page 94). state, which would be better for our all European nations. We recognize people than any system of govern. our debt to France of old in particular, and to all the Continental peoples in We are facing the alternative, it general, markedly to Germany. Therefore we will make no foreign alliances New York and London may come and grazing lands of the west, or state con- go, and editors with or without convictions may gush as they please about lands are situated. As between these to California knows perfectly well that two systems it seems to me our people any political party that proposed an intimate alliance, whether for defence or offence, would go down into instant respectfully yours."

WORSE THAN THE SPANISH

Ever Since McKinley Sent Orders to Shoot Filipinos as Bandits Horrible Stories are Told

Corporal Leonard Mygatt, of the Twenty-third Infantry, now in the trips a year. That makes \$2,320,000, sister, Mrs. Henry A. Powell, wife of a whole ten years amount to, on the he alleges, that eleven Filipinos were basis of the present cost of a round shot down after a drum-head court the beef contracts. The second, the trip. 'A' the end of the ten years martial for the murder of two Ameri- scandal growing out of the purchase From the American Lead Spreckels will still have his ships, can soldiers. Mygatt is attached to of several colliers, as in the case of the

lastingly wipe out the republican party January 20 with four companions, Ser- 000,000 for repairs, a total of \$13.000. for the public, the government, to genat De Wolfe and Privates Great- 000.

and laid before his fellows as a warning. "A sort of drum-head court-martial was held and after the night's in-An Episcopal Minister Writes a Letter to vestigation eleven men were picked out That is What Has Followed Our Flag Into as the guilty ones who were in the party that murdered the soldiers," says Mygatt. "I recognized some of the men and their confession implicated

> dered a guard of men to take the prisoners out to work.

"'We need wood for our fires," he London Saturday Review, making the "'We need wood for our fires," he lowed our flag into the Philippines, Later on, no doubt, other concerns fairest and most concise statement of said. 'Don't let any of them escape.' instead of the trade of this country. in the lumber business, under control the position of the American people With their hands bound behind their We are not able to supply our own of ex-Secretary Alger, and in other as soon as it was proposed. To show backs the prisoners were led away into a little clearing in the jungle. "A soldier sprang forward. 'I claim

"'You deserve it,' came the answer. His magazine and chamber were filled with filed cartridges so that they or in London, represent the sentiments would spread when entering an obfinancial journals of New York and this reputable firm. The accountant's cally the whole of the agricultural pop- "A sharp crack rang out. Instanty

ulation, which to begin with exc as twenty-nine other rifles spoke. Then came the rattle of shots like rain beatforty per cent, denounces the war upon ing. In ten seconds 200 shots were

that he believes the statement of Sen- of the detail replied: 'Sir, the prison-Balletin, there is a full statement of Is there a man in these United States ator Hale to be true, that nine out cf ers tried to escape and the guard fired.' "An eleventh prisoner was sent to fit of investors. This statement am- perity can be brought about by en- in sympathy with the brave and gal- get the stolen property, which was all braced a circular issued by a large abling the bankers to get twenty per lant Boers in their fight for their recovered. 'Do not let him escape," homes, their wives, their children and were the sentry's orders, and he did transports plying the Pacific ocean and not escape.-N. Y. Journal.

in the United Kingdom and Millions in India

From data supplied by the Local Government Boards in England, Scotland and Ireland, it is learned that was not made for a month after the the number of paupers relieved in 35 negotiations began. In the meantime made an impossible situation in South ed Kingdom on a single day in the

men has decided that some disposition empire already too gigantic for Brit- children, nearly twice as large as the

The number of persons relieved as

being five districts in London. In 26 different districts in England solutely necessary. 167,729 persons were relieved. Of The letter then calls attention to the

Manchester district. In six districts in Scotland, 38,187 try. persons were relieved, and in four dis-

These figures are taken from the lier than usual. March, 1900, issue of the Labor Ga-

and gold standard men in this country country. have called that of "the most enlightperism will continue to increase just tected trusts was as follows: in the ratio that the concentration of From Carnegie, the Federal capital in the hands of a few goes on. Any one who will stop to think for a few minutes must see that it could not be otherwise, Here in Lincoln, the From the Standard Oil Comrecords of the Charity Organization society shows that there are about 300 ruin. I have, sir, the honor to be very pauper families. Considerable over From the Cramps and other two hundred and fifty have received the care of the society during the winter. The number steadily grows From the American Sugar year by year and it will not be many years under this system until we shall indeed be upon practically the same footing as are the pauper breeding nations of Europe. The same system here will produce precisely the same results. We must make up our minds to that or we must change our sys-

Six Great Steals

The first of these great scandals was chase of transports for the Atlantic

The fourth was in the chartering of \$8,000,000, and the amount of repairs

freight and persons over the ocean at Mygatt states that as soon as he had The sixth was in the naming of defreight and persons over the ocean at cost. That is the republican idea.—
Pittsburg Kansan.

Mygatt states that as soon as he had related his story an avenging party what is left of that debt than it would say the least; and as to the island of what is left of that debt than it would say the least; and as to the island of what is left of that debt than it would say the least; and as to the island of anticipate any change in the administratives. four hours forty men were embarking of New York, the North American tration next fall, unless some man radi- the war, and more even than it would were here, and their declaration in an-

BRITISH TRADE

the Philippines to the Enrichment

of England It is just beginning to dawn upon the stupid imperialists of the manu-"The pext morning the captain or facturing districts of New England that it is British trade that has followed our flag into the Philippines, soldiers and sailors fighting there with the necessities of life. Our army and the bulldozing and scare policy which navy there are fed on beef and pork terrorized many workmen in 1896. It republican party, the following speech from Australia, butter from Australia and Holland, and potatoes and beans from Australia and Japan.

> big transports in government service are honorable men. Buy of them. on the Pacific cost the government day for coal and expense of navigation. We don't even furnish the coal for these ships. That comes from England, for only Cardiff coal is suitable for their use. And with these great able to carry food and clothing without any charge for freight to our armies in the east, it is still cheaper for us to buy our supplies on the other

side. Apparently the only trade that has followed our flag is British trade. It is a well known and undenied fact that when the American commissioners went to Paris to conclude the treaty with Spain there was no thought of a demand for a cession of the Philippines to the United States and the demand "selected" urban districts of the Unit- the English diplomats had obtained control of McKinley and Hay and the demand was made. It was all for the second week in February was 338,677. benent of English trade and the angli-In only a part of Great Britain there can snob who runs the state depart-

THE HANNA ASSESSMENTS

Great Trusts Has Been Intercepted and Made Public

The enormous campaign fund the re

a day in January, 1900. From these A letter carefully prepared at a concomparisons it is difficult to determine ference between Senator Hanna, First secured; and it behooves the banks to some attention and study and concern. frightful risks to the world's peace whether or not the conditions are bet. Assistant Postmaster-General Perry and the splendid usefulness for all ter or worse since the war began. Heath and the moneyed members of They were better in February this the republican national committee has

> profits the trust manufacturers have been able to secure under republican In London 106,598 persons were re-rule in the past and points out that lieved out of the total of 338,677, there to enjoy them in the future the reelection of President McKinley is ab-

> these 17,465 were relieved in the Liver- expenses of the campaign, which, it pool district, 16,333 in the Wolver- says, will be unusually large because hampton district, and 16,281 in the of the strength the democratic party is developing in all parts of the coun-

> The letter has gone only to the trict had 19,187 relieved persons; Ed- concerns being reserved for a squeeze. inburgh and Leith, 6,994; Dublin, 11,- The evident and increasing strength 634, and Cork, Waterford and Lim- of the democratic party caused the con-

Steel Company and the

other members of the Steel

and Iron Trust\$1,500,00 pany ond the branches of Trust members of the Shipbuilding Trust Refining Company and

other members of the Sugar Trust From the American Tobacco Company and other members of the Tobacco Trust ... From the National Paper Manufacturing Company and other members of the Paper Trust

From the National Biscuit Company, the Cracker Trust From the American Wool Company 150,000

Company, the Lead Trust, From half a dozen smaller Trusts and highly "protected" industries 1,750,000

Total\$6,200,000

Same Old Trick The American Lumberman, pub-

Politics is beginning to boil, and

heavy contracts for goods to be de livered during next summer and fall.

is attaching to all its orders the following provision: "The N. C. Foster Cushman Davis' Great Speech in the Sen-Lumber company to have the privilege of returning all or any part of the goods on this order, and amount paid for same to be refunded, in case W. J. Bryan is elected president of the United States in November next." This is placed by rubber stamp on all con-

tracts the company makes. businesses under control of various ad- that the populist position on this quesministration, will attempt to revive

won't work this year, however. The farmers of Nebraska should absolutely refuse to buy one foot of lum- to the readers of the Independent. ber that the N. C. Foster company has clothes worn by officers and men are handled. Steps are being taken to find purchased in Hong Kong-all except out where this lumber is for sale so the shoes, and they could be bought that all purchasers may refuse to there cheaper than they can be made touch it. There are other lumber dealin the United States. The seventeen ers outside of the Alger combine who

TRIBUTORY SLAVES

McKinley is Not Emperor of Porto Ric He is Czar and Holds Everything in His Hands

Foraker, Mark Hanna and their subservient tools in the senate and house have set up the biggest pie counter in Porto Rico that was ever set up on continent. McKinley appoints them all.

A governor at \$9,000 a year. A secretary of the council at \$4,000

An attorney-general at \$4,000 a year. An insular treasurer at \$5,000 a

An auditor at \$4,000 a year. A commissioner of the interior at \$4,000 a year. A commissioner of education at \$3 .-

A chief justice of the supreme court at \$5,000 a year. Four associate justices of the supreme court at \$4,500 a year each. A marshal of the supreme court at

\$3,000 a year. A United States district judge at A United States district-attorney at \$4,000 a year. A United States district marshal at

\$3.500 a year. Three-members of a commission to Three-members of a commission to I gave notice this morning of two codify the laws of the island at \$5,000 amendments which I intend to propose a year each.

cil, whose salaries are to be fixed by the one of them at present, and that amend-Puerto Rican legislature. The Puerto Ricans are allowed

States at \$5,000 a year. house of the legislature, who will be tilled spirits and tobacco and the manupaid \$5 a day when in session.

In fact. President McKinley has power to do everything in Puerto Rico; that there shall be free trade bethat George III. tried to do to the tween Porto Rico and the United States, American colonies.

Nebraska Banks

of Nebraska banks recently issued by dependency or as a colony or as a part Secretary Hall of the state banking of the United States, we can or cannot board does not differ materially from the levy tariff duties as between that island tricts in Ireland 26,172. Glasgow dis- greatest and richest trusts, the smaller former quarterly report. The legal re. and us, there can be no doubt whatever serve on hand is 33 per cent. The banks upon this general principle, that, so far were then in splendid condition and the as internal revenue taxes are concerned report shows that they are about at a in Porto Rico, no such question can ference to be called many weeks ear- standstill, though as compared with the arise under the abstract and inherent report of a year ago the deposits have power of this government to levy thera. It also caused Senator Hanna and increased \$3,001,837.95. The deposits one the others to decide to raise \$2,000, year ago were \$19,253,050.74, while the jection to the course proposed by the A financial system that produces 000 more than has ever been paid into report of Secretary Hall just issued amendment. It certainly would, in my these results is what the imperialists a campaign fund in the history of the shows deposits amounting to \$22,254, opinion, go very far to satisfy and ap-888.64. At present there are 409 banks pease the protests which have been The responses to the letter will be and last year there were 396. Secretary made against the proposed measure. ened nations." They have now given sent to the national committee treas- Hall's report shows the condition of the As to Porto Rico itself, I undertake to it in this country "the validity of law." urer, James G. Cannon, of New York. state and private banks, including sav. say that it would be acceptable, be-Its results here will be the same Pau- The assessment upon the large pro- ings banks, at the close of business March cause when the delegation from that 12. The following is a summary:

	RESOURCES.	
- 1	Leans and discounts	21,880,840.4
00	Overdrafts	239,386.9
	claims etc	260,358.3
	vate banks and bankers	5,257,684.1
00	Banking house, furniture and fix- tures	1.191.996.5
- "	Other real estate	770.827.8
. 16	Current expenses and taxes paid	314.9831
00	Premium on bonds, ets	1,670-9
-	Assets not otherwise enumerated	139,729,5
- 3	Cash items	57,272,6
	Cash reserve	2,008,832,5
36	U. S. bonds on hand	18,300.0
00	Total	32,141,863,1
-	LIABILITIES.	
00	Capital stock paid in	7,185,650.0
oo	Surplus fund	1,003,288.9
	Undivided profits	1,050,758.0
	Dividends unpaid	1,364.0
	General deposits	22,254,888,6
20	Other liabilities Notes and other bills rediscounted.	1,297.1
99	Notes and other bills rediscounted.	133,724.7
	Bills payable	400,883.3
00	Total	32,141,863.1
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And This Is Prosperity! At the close of the civil war the farm-

ers of America could have paid the whole national debt with about 1,400,-000,000 bushels of wheat, or a correspond- gallon. Your rum would be taxed at ing amount of other American products. that rate if our internal revenue sys-After the government converted the debt tem were applied as here. Could it into interest-bearing bonds, and went on stand that tax? to a coin basis, 2,000,000,000 bushels of Mr. Larrianga. The feelings of the wheat or a corresponding amount of people, I believe, is that it would be lished at Chicago, prints a somewhat interesting item on the first page of its issue of March 31, as follows:

Politics is beginning to boil, and WHAT STATESMEN HAVE SAID...

Taxation without representation is founded on party landed unexpectedly in the rear of the village.

Taxation without representation is founded on the law of nature. It is more; it is large part landed unexpectedly in the rear of the village.

Taxation without representation is founded on the law of nature. It is more; it is large part to distilleries, which are all the war, and more even than it would in their boats for Balambing. The party landed unexpectedly in the rear of the village.

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Taxation without representation is founded on the state to pay it after we had gone to a coin basis. Trust Company in Cuba and others, at least one to a coin basis. The war, and more even than it would in their boats for Balambing. The party landed unexpectedly in the rear of the village.

Taxation without representation is to a coin basis. The war, and more even than it would in their declaration in the war, and more even than it would be cally different from W. J. Bryan shall to a coin basis. The war, and more even than it would in their declaration in the war, and more even than it would in their declaration in the war, and more even than it would in their declaration in the war, and more even than it would in their declaration in the war, and more even than it would in their declaration in the war, and more even than it would in their declaration in the war, and more even than it would in their declaration in the war, and more even than it would in their declaration in the war, and more even than it would in their declaration in the war, and more even than it would in the war, and more even than it would in the war, and once it is always to a coin basis. The war is always to a coin basis and and others, at least one to a coin basis. The war is alw

THE PORTO RIGAN OUTRAGE

ate--He says the People Thoroughly

Understand the Whole Thing. It took no speeches in congress to make the populist voters of this state understand what this Porto Rican bill meant. There was no waiting to hear what the leaders would say. Every pop editor went for it with might and main tion is supported by eminent men in the of Cushman Davis, chairman of the foreign relations committee, is submitted

Mr. President, I am so desirous that a vote be had upon this bill at the earliest day possible that I have thought it best to address the Senate this morning with much less preparation and much less at length than I otherwise would. This fact will cause me to omit, as might not have done, some discussion of the constitutional question involved in this debate, and many other matters which, in my judgment, are auxiliary and collateral to the subject as I shall

now consider it. I shall try, Mr. President, with all temperateness of expression, and cer-tainly with temperateness of feeling, to submit to the Senate my views upon this matter as it now stands. It is an important question, and, in my judgment, it is a non-partisan question. No remark that I shall make will have, intentionally, the least tinge of partisanship in my endeavor to adjust a most unfortuate complication into which this measure has fallen.

It cannot be denied, Mr. President, that at the time this bill was reported a tide of public opinion and dissent set in against the very principle upon which it is based. That dissent began with surprise; it progressed to remonstrance; and from thence it went to indignation. It was not the protest of the members of any party. The dissent did not coincide at all upon party lines. It came from every walk of life; it was communicated through every avenue of thought; as to Porto Rico there should be an unrestrained freedom of commercial intercourse; that as to Porto Rico, considered as Porto Rico, under the particular circumstances of the case and what has taken place in regard to that island, there should be free trade between Porto Rico and the United States.

to the pending bill in regard to this Five members of the executive coun- House measure. I shall only explain ment is this: The creation of Porto Rico into an internal revenue district; no stamp tax to be levied in that district; One commissioner to the United 15 per cent of the internal revenue tax to be laid in that district upon all tax-Thirty-five members of the lower able articles, with the exception of disfactures thereof, upon which internal revenue taxes shall be levied in Porto and that the law shall continue until the

first of March, 1902. Whatever may be said as in contention upon the other part of the subject, The quarterly report of the condition whether, considering Porto Rico as a I cannot see why there can be any ob-

island were here before the committee, whose report I hold in my hand, protesting against the tariff and pleading for unrestrained freedom of commercial intercourse, upon this very question of internal revenue the following proceedings took place, as will be found on page 179 of the report. The senator from California [Mr. Perkins] was examining one of the delegates from Porto Rico. Mr. Larrinaga.

Mr. Perkins. What effect do you think the application of our internal revenue laws to the island would have? We have a tax upon alcoholic spirits, and you make a great deal of rum. and there will probably be breweries established there, and there is a proprietary and stamp tax. Do you think the people would like that system? Mr. Larrianga. Yes, sir: we would

accept it. Our people are conscious of their duties, as well as of their rights, and they would only think it fair. Mr. Perkins. Do you now impose any tax on distilleries? Mr. Larrianga. Yes, sir; there is a

tax levied. Mr. Perkins. Do you remember what it is? Mr. Larrinaga. I could not tell you. The Chairman, Our tax is \$1.10 per