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Weekly News Summary.

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nent colonies there we should long since have inaugurated a policy assuring to the people of those islands stable government and their ultimate independence. But even if there is to be an admitted change in our institution and form of government and a wide departure from the old land mark of political truth, that all governments instituted among men derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and if it be admitted that we are to embark upon the dangerous and desperate policy of colony holding and subject governing, to none of which do we agree, even then we could not give our assent to the passage of the pending measure. The colonial plan set up by this bill is unjust and illiberal in the extreme." A comparison of the trade with the Philippines with the cost of maintaining the army is made with the assertion that at the end of the next year the Philippines will have cost the United States \$450,000,000. The report further says that the secretary of war, in effect, made the tax law for the Philippines and thus exercised greater power than most kings. Continuing, it says: "The second section, in effect, declares that the Philippine islands are foreign territory to the extent that all importations therefrom into the United States shall pay the same rates of duty as are provided in the existing tariff laws of the United States, known as the Dingley tariff act. The Dingley tariff act has proven itself to be a trust-breeding measure. We witness daily the great trusts, born of Dingley tariff law, so manipulating the manufacture and the prices of goods that our people are forced by them to pay at our own homes and in our own markets higher prices for their manufactured goods and commodities than the same goods and commodities are manufactured by them and shipped abroad and sold for in the foreign markets of the world. We do not believe that the trade we are now obtaining or that we are likely to obtain under our operations in the Philippines is worth what we are paying for it." The report then shows that the United States shared in the Philippine trade last year to the extent of \$5,427,500, representing profits to our government, or people, of about \$1,085,541. "This paltry sum," it says, "is insignificant when we consider the other side of the account. It has cost us more than \$85,000,000 to maintain our army in the Philippines for the past year. Other nations, without incurring the expense of a dollar toward that end, are getting \$48,000,000 worth of the Philippine trade. We will have expended when the next year closes, at the very lowest estimate, for the maintenance of our army in the Philippines and our operations in the orient not less than \$450,000,000. And this does not include the immense increase in naval expenditures and the \$20,000,000 paid to Spain under the treaty of 1899." The casualties, both of United States troops and insurgents, are referred to and the report then concluded: "The casualties which have occurred in the effort to enforce the policies of the majority in the islands are of such appalling magnitude that it should shock the public mind, and such a list of casualties would in nowise refer to or include those of our soldiers whose health has been permanently broken down and of many others whose reason and intellects have been shattered and ruined by protracted service in a torrid zone. We are squarely in opposition to the methods and policies of the majority of the committee in its efforts to deal with the Philippine islands. We do not believe that the people of those islands can be made citizens of our republic without gross injustice to our people and without doing violence and perhaps irreparable injuries to our institution, nor can we

hold them as subjects without the most radical changes in our form and theory of government, which we are unwilling to see inaugurated."

The Philippine Salary List.

The war department has supplied members of congress with a statement of civilian expenditures in the Philippines. The salary list is especially interesting because it gives the public an idea of the fat jobs provided for political favorites by the new policy of imperialism. The Filipinos will have to foot the bills, and while doing so extract all the comfort possible from the knowledge that the list will steadily grow in size:

Governor Taft, president of commission	\$20,000
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Secretary to the commission	3,500
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Secretary to civil governor	7,500
Auditor for Philippine islands	6,000
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Deputy collector of customs	4,000
Attorney general	5,500
First assistant attorney gen.	4,500
Second assistant attorney gen.	3,000
Solicitor general	4,500
Chief justice of supreme court	7,500
Associate justices	7,000
Clerk of supreme court	3,000
Judges of courts of first instance, in Manila	5,500
Judges of courts of first instance, outside of Manila, from \$3,000 to	5,000
Members of municipal board, Manila	4,500
City clerk	3,000
City engineer	3,500
Superintendent of police	3,500
Chief and assistant chief of secret service	3,000
City attorney	3,500
Assistant city attorney	3,000
Assessor	4,000
Deputy assessor	3,000
Superintendent of public instruction	6,000
Director general of posts	6,000
Assistant director general of posts	3,250
Insular purchasing agent	3,500
Commissioner of public health	6,000
Chief health inspector	3,500
Sanitary engineer	3,500
Chief of insular constabulary	4,000
Four assistants to chief of insular constabulary, each	2,750

The Court of Inquiry.

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 ity report in these words:
 In the opinion of the undersigned the passage from Key West to Cienfuegos was made by the flying squadron with all possible dispatch, Commodore Schley having in view the importance of arriving off Cienfuegos with as much coal as possible in the ships' bunkers. The blockade of Cienfuegos was effective.
 Commander Schley in permitting the steamer Adula to enter the port of Cienfuegos expected to obtain information concerning the Spanish squadron from her when she came out.
 The passage from Cienfuegos to a point about twenty-two miles south of Santiago was made with as much dispatch as was possible while keeping the squadron a unit.
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 The court recommends that no further proceedings be had in the matter.
 The opinion of the judges of the court has aroused very general criticism throughout the country.

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