

cape the responsibility if you would, but you can make partial atonement if you will."

Mr. Hoar (Mass.), who introduced the resolution providing for the investigation which the Philippine committee is now making, defended the committee in the conduct of its investigation. He said that a vast amount of valuable information already had been furnished by the committee and he doubted not that other information still would be furnished. He urged that in fairness and justice some Filipinos ought to be called to give their testimony before the com-

mittee in defense of the charges which had been made against them. He was assured that the investigation was in the hands of honorable and humane American senators, who were just and wise, and he hoped that before the conclusion of the investigation they would give a hearing to the Filipinos' side of the controversy.

ORDERS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Secretary of War Root has submitted to the senate an answer to the resolution calling for copies of the orders issued by General Bell relative to reconcentration, and orders issued by General Smith. The secretary submits two orders by General Bell, dated December 8 and last. In the first General Bell refers to the treachery of the natives, to their use of infernal machines and to the constant violation of all the rules of civilized warfare. Therefore he declares that he is reluctantly obliged to avail himself of the right of retaliation under the regulations and to deal severely with persons who commit the acts denounced in general order 100. He says:

"Against but one of these flagrant violations of the laws of warfare, namely, murder, has the United States government ever adjudged or executed the severe penalties authorized by the sections of the laws above cited, in the vain hope that by this exercise of forbearance and generosity the people might be conciliated and become reconciled and convinced of the benevolent purposes of the government.

"Instead of having the desired effect, however, this policy in the provinces of Batangas and Laguna has apparently failed to appeal to even the keenest and most appreciative intellects. On the contrary, it has been interpreted by many as an evidence of weakness and fear, and worked upon a childish and ignorant conceit of what they are pleased to consider successful resistance of our power, the people have become so arrogant that they look down upon our government and scorn its kindest efforts at pacification. We consequently find ourselves operating in a thoroughly occupied terrane against the entire population united and in a hopeless struggle, using, conniving at or tolerating barbarous methods which almost reach the limit in outraging the laws and usages of legitimate warfare.

"The reckless expedients adopted by the enemy, especially the policy of intimidation and assassination, leaves to the brigade commander no other means of protecting either the lives of his subordinates or those of peaceful or friendly citizens, or the interests of his government against the repetition of barbarous outrage except the enforcement of the penalties authorized by the above cited laws of war.

"The brigade commander, therefore, announces for the information of all concerned that wherever prisoners or unarmed or defenseless Americans or natives friendly to the United States government are murdered or assassinated for political reasons and this fact can be established, it is his purpose to execute a prisoner of war under the authority contained in sections 59 and 148. This prisoner of war will be selected by lot from among the officers or prominent citizens held as prisoners of war, and will be chosen, when practicable, from those who belong to the town in which the murder or assassination occurred."

The secretary explains that the order referred to was approved by Abraham Lincoln, and that the orders mentioned in the resolution and Bell's order of December 13 were in strict conformity with the letter and spirit of this famous order, which, he says, "was a contribution to civilization of great and recognized value."

Another order transmitted is one by Major General Lloyd Wheaton, dated Manila, May 24, 1901, on the condition

of the natives collected in the concentration camps, from which it appears that they were well fed, healthful and contented. General Wheaton expresses the belief that the camps can be broken up within sixty days.

An important indorsement on this report is by General Chaffee, in which he says:

"It is useless for me to make an attempt to show the necessity for the course adopted in the Third and Sixth brigades to put an end to the condition of insurrection existing there in such a way that all persons will agree that the right action has been taken. It is right, of course, for me to do this. I will state, however, that personal contact with the people, a knowledge of their methods and sentiments, a personal acquaintance with the terrane and what may be done by an enemy as by troops, are all essential to determine what should be done, before condemning what has been done. It is also necessary that some other method be suggested and positive proof submitted that had it been followed more success, correspondingly, would have followed its adoption than has been secured by the present course.

"I do not understand that the authority of the United States in these islands can be indefinitely disputed by armed forces without efforts to terminate the resistance to that authority. On the other hand, I understand that all means which are justified by the laws of war are to be applied in such form as will meet and defeat the method of warfare adopted by the enemy. If desperate in the last case, more desperate must be the attack to end it.

"Every care has been taken that people required to remain under military surveillance shall not unduly suffer for food, shelter or medical attention if needed."

Secretary Root says there is no reason to doubt that the policy embodied in the above orders was at once the most effective and humane which could possibly be followed and declaring that so, indeed, has it proved; he submits copies of the telegram announcing the surrender of Malvar and the termination of organized resistance in the northern Philippines.

The secretary denies knowledge of any orders issued by General Smith to Major Waller such as those referred to in the court-martial, and he encloses his orders for General Smith's trial, based upon newspaper publications, as confirmed by General Chaffee.

He declares that all of General Smith's written orders relative to Samar already have been printed by the senate and that all are in strict conformity with general order 100. In conclusion the secretary submits dispatches from General Chaffee of late date reporting extensive surrenders of the insurgents and the reopening of the ports of trade as proof of the success of the policy embodied in the written order.

GARDENER'S SPECIFICATIONS.

A special dispatch from Washington to the Chicago Chronicle, under date of May 6, says:

Charges of most flagrant violations of the laws of war by the American army operating in the Philippines were made public this afternoon after the war department presided over by Secretary Root had succeeded in keeping them suppressed for two days. These were the charges made in detail by Major Cornelius Gardener, American governor of the province of Tayabas, Island of Luzon.

But these charges, although they accuse American troops of torturing Filipinos, of burning their villages and seizing and robbing their houses, of assaulting native women and keeping native men in jail for days without either food or drink, were not the only specters that rose to harass those who contend that the administration of American power in the Philippines

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