

CRUEL TO NATIVES

FILIPINOS DENIED PROTECTION OF THE LAW

Habeas Corpus Suspended and Those Who Refuse to Testify as Desired Are Said to Be Tortured and Sometimes Shot

Manila, P. I., Nov. 1.—An interesting decision has just been given by the supreme court here in a case where Messrs. Fisher and Cohn had asked for a writ of habeas corpus in behalf of Felix Barcelon. The governor general by the advice and consent of the Philippine commission had proclaimed the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus in the provinces of Cavite and Batangas under the authority of the act of congress of July 1, 1902, which provides that the writ may be suspended by the governor and commission when in cases of rebellion, insurrection or invasion the public safety may require it.

Amazing Decision

The question raised was whether in this case the conditions mentioned, "insurrection, rebellion or invasion," actually existed. The facts were denied by the applicant and the supreme court was requested to take cognizance of the conditions and in case that these conditions did not exist to issue the writ in favor of Barcelon. The majority of the court decided that it had no power to issue the writ as applied for and that the act of the commission and governor is conclusive and final as against the judicial department, and in general that under the form of government no department has authority to interfere with the act of another department.

One Honest Judge

Dissenting opinion given by Justice Willard maintains that, although prior

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to the act of congress of July 1, 1902, the commission possessed absolute power, it is impossible to believe that the part of the act of July 1, 1902 which relates to the writ of habeas corpus was intended to produce no effect: "Is it at all likely that the people when accepting the constitution should have intended to abandon in favor of these very departments of the government from which they particularly needed protection, the most important perhaps of all the rights which such a protection could afford them? I do not believe that the compilers of the constitution or the framers of the congressional law contemplated confiding this right to these two departments in such a manner that it would depend exclusively upon their will and convenience whether the citizens might or might not enjoy it."

Forced to Retract

The release of Felix Barcelon was the more important because while he was forcibly detained, he retracted important statements made by him as a witness in the case of the United States vs. Roxas, and Barcelon's attorneys claim that his detention was due to the desire and hope of persuading him to retract the statements made on the witness stand and to testify to the contrary. This retraction was made after he had been promised a competence for life, government lands with carabao for their cultivation and threatened on the other hand that unless he did retract he would be shot on the road between Batangas and Lipa. They say that where there exists illegal detention of one of these poor ignorant tillers of the soil by the constabulary, deprivation of that one's liberty is perhaps the least of the evils that result. It proves that the false imprisonment of one signifies that there is a serious menace to life and liberty of others concerning whom testimony may be desired. It proves that false imprisonment by the constabulary not only may be used to wrest from these poor wretches who need the law's protection, because they are ignorant of their rights, false accusations against others, but it actually is so used.

Witness Shot

Fisher and Cohn assert that a witness who recently refused to testify in a prosecution for brigandage in Batangas in the manner demanded by the constabulary is now dead. He was killed by constabulary bullets. It is officially reported that he was shot in an attempt to escape. It is currently believed by the inhabitants of Batangas, that this man was deliberately killed because he declined to succumb to the coercion of the constabulary and testify to the facts that he knew to be untrue. This popular belief is not without foundation in view of the fact that he was shot after the trial for which he had been detained was over and he had not been called as a witness and of the fact that he had done nothing which made it necessary for him to escape and of the fact that flight under such circumstances is not to be stopped by killing. In the light of this occurrence is it wonderful or surprising that the attorney general is today possessed of this retraction signed by the prisoner, Felix Barcelon, or does the real wonder consist of the fact that this humble and unenlightened tao should have had the temerity and valor to get up even under the protection of the court and to denounce as he did spontaneously exhibiting his body in the presence of his assailants. "When I refused to assent to facts which were not true, Senor Dias y Virgen Santa! How they beat me!"

Attorneys Are Indignant

This is the plea of the Manila attorneys and it ought to be heard throughout the United States: "We who have enjoyed a continuous and lifelong protection of our lives and liberties are prone to lack the

appreciation that these inherent rights necessitate the safeguard of the law. We are apt to blindly accept the fact that these rights are inviolable and forget that they are so only as the protection of the law continues. But the men of Batangas are sternly awake to the fact that the suspension of the laws is an imminent peril to lives, liberty and property. These men value these inherent privileges as dearly as we do. Those of them who have not suffered directly as yet are timorous of the morrow. They see their neighbors and friends under false accusations and while they have intimate knowledge and conviction of their innocence they see the means of establishing that innocence by means of a fair and impartial trial rendered impossible. They are seriously and earnestly discussing whether it be not preferable to be seized and shot without the chance to say a word in self-defense as of old, rather than to go through the form of trial with the means of obtaining justice denied them."

MILLARD LIKES FORAKER BILL

Says Measure Will Be Basis of Bill Acceptable to the Country

Washington, Nov. 26.—Senator Millard, speaking of the Foraker bill, which was presented to the senate committee on interstate commerce, said:

"It is a good bill. I believe it to be the basis of a measure that will be acceptable to everybody. It is certainly comprehensive and I anticipate good results from it."

Continuing his thought on railroad rate legislation, Mr. Millard said he was still in favor of a new cabinet position to be known as secretary of transportation. "Just think what that would mean to Nebraska if we could pull off such an appointment," said the senator. "But seriously, we need some such department. We endeavor to look after commerce and labor with a cabinet office, why not have a secretary of transportation, which is quite as important."

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