

cent., running 50 years, to be secured by a pledge of those sources of income.

We have come now in this news tour of the world for the current week to the Philippines, where the United States government is struggling to establish its sovereignty over alien subjects. Gen. MacArthur reported on the 1st that with the surrender in Iloilo of Quentin Sales, April 21st, "all organized opposition in that island is ended." Some kind of civil government was reported on the 3d to have been established in Manila, but what kind is not clear, for the same report explains that the American commission is unwilling at present to permit the experiment of elections there, "although they have been authorized in all other municipalities." The board of health has taken a census of Manila and finds the population to be 244,732. It is classified as follows: Americans, 8,642; Filipinos, 181,360; Chinese, 51,567; Spaniards, 2,383; other foreigners, 960. We take the figures from the Chicago Tribune of May 4, in which the discrepancy between the total of 244,732 and the aggregate of the classes is as above. Other papers give the same general total, but do not give the class totals.

American casualties in the Philippines since July 1, 1898, inclusive of the current official reports given out in detail at Washington to May 8, 1901, are as follows:

Deaths to May 16, 1900 (see vol. iii., page 91).....	1,847
Killed reported from May 16, 1900, to the date of the presidential election, November 6, 1900 .....	100
Deaths from wounds, disease and accident, same period.....	468
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Total deaths to presidential election .....	2,415
Killed reported since presidential election.....	37
Deaths from wounds, disease and accident, same period.....	220
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Total deaths.....	2,672
Wounded since July 1, 1898.....	2,433
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Total casualties since July, '98..	5,105
Total casualties to last report..	5,095
Total deaths to last report.....	2,671
Total wounded to last report....	2,424

The Cuban commissioners, who sailed from New York for home on the 1st, arrived at Havana on the 5th,

and presented their report to the convention on the 7th. As this was done at a secret session of the convention, the character of their report is not positively known, but dispatches from Havana credit it with assuring the convention that—

President McKinley said the right of intervention authorized by the Platt amendment would be limited to the following cases: 1. In case of an attack on Cuba by a foreign power. 2. If a state of anarchy exists in Cuba the United States is to intervene and restore order.

NEWS NOTES.

—The National Municipal league met at Rochester on the 5th.

—According to the British census recently taken, the population of London is 4,536,034.

—The American minister to China, Mr. Conger, was given a public reception at Des Moines on the 3d, upon his return to Iowa.

—Against a strong protest from Harvard graduates Harvard university has decided to confer upon President McKinley the degree of LL. D.

—The Illinois Central railroad has made a horizontal increase of five per cent. in the wages of its shop employes. The road has also adopted a pension system.

—The San Francisco Star reports three municipal elections recently in New Zealand at which the single tax was adopted for local purposes, namely, Sydenham, by a vote of 353 to 163; Onslow, 140 to 8; and Grey Linn, 140 to 71.

—Charles G. Seymour, one of the best known newspaper men in Chicago, died of consumption at Los Angeles on the 8th. He was a brother of Horatio Seymour, the publisher of the Chronicle, who acquired a national reputation in the presidential campaign of 1892 by his free trade editorials in the Chicago Herald.

—The mandamus proceedings against the Illinois state board of equalization to compel that body to assess the value of the capital stock of Chicago corporations (vol. 2, No. 105, p. 2; vol. 3, pp. 426, 530, 548), which was instituted by the Teachers' federation, has been decided in their favor. Appeal has been taken to the supreme court.

—A terrible conflagration in Jacksonville, Fla., on the 3d destroyed \$15,000,000 worth of property and made 10,000 people homeless. It raged unchecked for nearly ten hours, sweeping a district 2½ miles long by half a mile wide, and consumed the principal hotels, the leading churches, the municipal buildings, scores of whole-

sale and retail business houses and acres of residences.

—The Bucklin report on the Australian system of taxation, made to the Colorado legislature, and on the basis of which the people of Colorado are to vote in 1902 upon the question of adopting local option in taxation, may be obtained free by any person upon addressing his congressman. The report is embodied in United States senate document No. 209, of the Fifty-sixth congress, second session.

—The monthly statement of the treasury department for April shows on hand April 30:

Gold reserve fund.....	\$150,000,000 00
Available cash balance.	156,494,208 49
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Total .....	\$306,494,208 49
On hand at close of last fiscal year, June 30,	1900 .....
	\$305,705,654 78
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Increase .....	\$ 788,553 71

—There are reports from Spain of the conviction by drumhead court-martial, and the consequent shooting, of several labor strikers at Barcelona. From these and other occasional reports, Spain appears to be in a badly disordered condition, with strikes and riots prevailing and involving conflicts between citizens and troops; but martial law is in force, and the military censorship prevents the truth about the disturbances from becoming known.

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FREEDOM TO COLUMBIA.

For The Public.

Said Freedom to Columbia: "There's blood upon your hands;  
The flag that I have loved, now floats o'er subjugated lands—  
Waves over weaker peoples you've humbled to the dust.  
Oh, where is now the symbol I left with you in trust?  
Oh, where is now the symbol I placed within your hand—  
The sacred lamp of Liberty to light your favored land;  
A lamp to guide all nations to lead them into peace—  
To one great Brotherhood of Man where bitterness should cease?"

Said Freedom to Columbia: "My trust has been betrayed—  
Sold for a dream of Empire. I see your hosts arrayed  
To carry on the conquest. You glory in your might;  
Forgotten are the early days, your struggle for the right.  
Most favored of the nations, I built my hope on you.  
A future lay before you far greater than you knew,  
Grandeur than any empire the world has ever known—