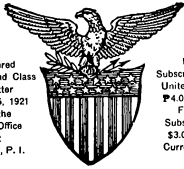
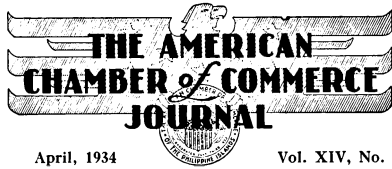


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The Blow Is Falling

The great solicitude of an overwhelming majority of congress for the welfare and aspirations of the Filipino people is more manifest every day. Two years ago, congress passed, over the President's veto, the Hawes-Cutting bill. This bill was not accepted by the Philippine legislature. Now we have the Tydings-McDuffie bill, which is nothing more nor less than a revamp of the Hawes-Cutting bill. If congress had stopped there our predicament would have been bad but not hopeless. Unfortunately, congress did not stop there. It has not only gone on to nullify the trade provisions of the Tydings-McDuffie bill, but is cutting down on the amount of our sugar that may enter the United States, and both houses have approved bills which place an excise tax on our copra and coconut oil that will bar these products from the United States market and react ruinously upon our planters, oil mills, and about 4 million persons dependent upon the coconut industry for their daily bread.

The latest move of the influenced altruists in congress is to advance the date for absolute independence from 10 to 3 years.

Senator Tydings' proposals are for a reciprocal trade treaty mutually beneficial to the Philippines and the United States. Sounds nice, doesn't it? Recent develop-

ments show us what we may expect. We are like the little boy who was given by his older brother his choice of 2 apples. The big brother told him, he could take the little one or none.

What chance have we to protect ourselves? Our present governor general has fought our cause as no other governor general ever did. He has taken off his coat and entered the fray without regard to what his co-party leaders might say or how his political future might be affected. His acts and words have been dictated by a sense of fair play and justice only.

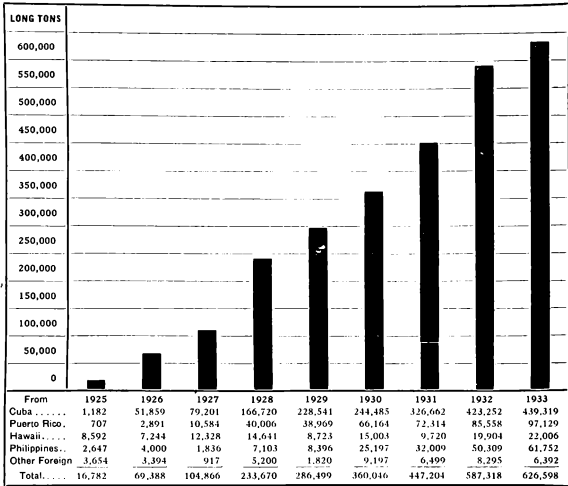
Even the President of the United States, a confidant of Governor Murphy, is our ally; but is he strong enough himself to save the day?

It is high time now that all elements who have the mutual welfare of the people of these islands at heart, work in earnest for our future welfare. We are victims of

politicians, not statesmen, on both sides of the Pacific.

Those who cause the Americans of the Philippines to put their faith in the sense of justice of the future administrator of the Philippine government fail to realize the fact that both Filipinos and Americans will be on the outside looking in. *Compadres*, let us join now and be honest, at least with ourselves.

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