

Disallowing these offsets, at the very most the Islands have cost us ten million dollars per annum for the last decade; but for that sum,

our achievements in these distant lands have cost the United States nothing. They have all been liquidated from funds of the Insular Government.

Philippine Trade with the United States by Years

	Imports	Per cent of total imports	Exports	Per cent of total exports	Total Trade	Per cent of total trade
1899	\$ 2,706,172	7	\$ 7,870,510	26	\$ 10,576,682	16
1900	4,306,396	9	5,921,702	13	10,228,098	11
1901	7,068,510	12	9,092,584	18	16,161,094	15
1902	8,306,348	12	22,951,896	40	31,258,244	25
1903	7,674,200	11	26,142,852	40	33,817,052	25
1904	10,197,640	17	23,309,936	40	33,507,576	28
1905	11,179,892	19	29,680,814	44	40,860,706	32
1906	8,955,772	17	23,738,578	36	32,694,350	27
1907	10,135,076	17	20,658,774	31	30,793,850	24
1908	10,203,672	17	20,901,510	32	31,105,182	25
1909	12,890,662	21	29,453,026	42	42,343,688	32
1910	40,137,084	40	34,483,450	42	74,620,534	41
1911	38,313,974	40	39,845,254	44	78,159,228	42
1912	48,618,020	39	45,764,014	41	94,382,034	40
1913	53,352,522	50	32,868,036	34	86,220,558	42
1914	48,022,802	49	48,855,420	50	96,878,222	50
1915	52,762,138	53	47,306,422	44	100,068,560	48
1916	45,725,346	50	71,296,265	51	117,021,611	51
1917	75,241,295	57	126,468,717	66	201,710,012	62
1918	117,649,222	60	178,293,837	66	295,943,059	63
1919	150,982,829	64	113,305,384	50	264,288,213	57
1920	184,579,556	62	210,432,525	70	395,012,081	66
1921	148,260,030	64	100,713,586	57	248,973,616	61
1922	95,476,651	60	128,223,201	67	223,699,852	63
1923	100,705,070	57	170,094,046	70	270,799,116	65
1924	120,797,206	56	194,627,805	72	315,425,011	65
1925	138,595,166	58	218,089,883	73	356,685,049	66
1926	143,151,236	60	200,006,430	73	343,151,666	67

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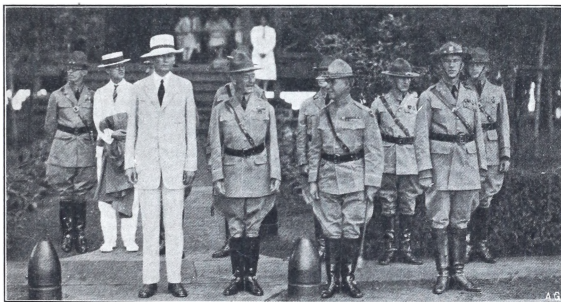
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Bingham Inspects America's Army Posts In Islands



Senator Hiram Bingham (in whites) beside General Sladen at Fort Wm. McKinley, and General Johnson Hagood, commanding the Philippine Division, at General Sladen's left.

Senator Hiram Bingham paid a visit of three weeks to the Philippines and managed to see something of seven islands and 17 provinces, utilizing his complete command of Spanish and talking to men in private and public life without the intervention of interpreters. He inspected all the military posts, was surprised and displeased to see two flags flying in front of all school houses, and doubted that loyalty to America was being inculcated in the mind of youth, while stating that he believed being for independence was disloyalty. Aside from this slant, his more cogent opinion was that though the government was in pretty deep on the sugar central loans, the properties are good and are under business management, so that there is a good prospect of their being able to pay out

without loss to the government. He therefore was not in favor of selling them at a loss. He paid General Wood a number of high tributes while he was in the islands, and said that if Wood's campaign had not been managed "not wisely but too well" in 1920 he would have been President of the United States. He declared that Wood's stand for preparedness for the World War saved the lives of thousands of American soldiers in Europe, and that the country, still idolizing him, resented even yet his not being sent to Europe in command of a division. He plainly indicated that he would favor amendments to the organic act of the Philippines to obviate the possibility of a stalemate in public administration here through disagreement between the chief executive and the legislature.

POPULAR MEETING PLACE

Many meetings are now regularly held at the chamber of commerce, which in its new quarters has a large airy hall, a well equipped kitchen and facilities for catering to downtown meetings. On August 5 Theobald Diehl gave a supper for members of his lodge; on August 12 comes the annual banquet of Stotsenburg Camp, where about 200 always gather; on August 13 the Veterans hold a reunion in commemoration of Occupation Day. The convention of the American Legion was held August 6.

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