

American embargo on arms. The latter was only decreed by Taft to hinder the attempt of Orozco to overthrow the Constitutional President, Madero.

RESIDENT OBSERVER.

## NEWS NARRATIVE

The figures in brackets at the ends of paragraphs refer to volumes and pages of The Public for earlier information on the same subject.

Week ending Tuesday, March 24, 1914.

### Will of Joseph Fels.

The will of Joseph Fels, dated December 1, 1903, was admitted to probate on March 19 at Philadelphia and reads as follows:

Being about to sail for America on a visit it is my desire in the event of my death that my dear wife, Mollie (Mary) Fels, shall have the entire disposal of any and all wealth, real and personal, I may die possessed of, as seems best to her, and having full confidence in her judgment and that of my loving brother, Maurice Fels, of Philadelphia, and of Walter Coates, of Middleboro, Yorkshire, my friend, it is my desire these two men act with my wife as executors (without bond) of this, my last will and testament.

I request my said wife to pay over to Walter Coates the sum of \$50,000 out of my estate, free of all sums that he may now owe to me, as a token of appreciation of W. Coates' faithfulness to me, and as a man.

JOSEPH FELS.

A codicil dated December 13, 1907, is as follows:

I ask my brother, Samuel S. Fels, to be one of my executors along with my wife, brother Maurice Fels, and friend Walter Coates, and beg that my said brother, Samuel, will consider this as written over two years ago when we came to know each other as we are—friends as well as brothers.

JOSEPH FELS.

[See current volume, pages 193, 199, 276.]



### Farewell Dinner to Wedgwood.

A farewell dinner to Josiah C. Wedgwood, M. P., was given at the Hotel Grenoble, New York, on Monday, March 16th. Seventy-five were present. The speakers were: Hon. John J. Murphy, Hon. Lawson Purdy, Hon. Samuel Seabury, Hon. Robert Crosser, Lincoln Steffens, Dr. Fred C. Howe, Joseph Dana Miller, Frank Stephens, Charles Frederick Adams, Benjamin Doblin, Whidden Graham and Daniel Kiefer. John T. McRoy was host and chairman. Mr. Wedgwood spoke of the unity of the movement, and of the brotherhood of the English and American movements. He told of the uncompromising stand for justice of our English brethren. He detailed their free speech and anti-bureaucratic labors. At the conclusion of his address he was wildly

cheered. He left for England on March 17th. [See current volume, pages 227, 248.]



### Anti-Imperialists Compliment Harrison.

Under date of March 18 the Anti-Imperialist League has addressed Governor-General Harrison of the Philippines as follows:

We have only refrained from writing to you before because of the fact that our organization (however unjustly) is branded as political, while your high office must be beyond even unjust suspicion of partizanship.

But as citizens of the United States, we feel that we are at liberty to express the opinions of a large group of like-minded persons who have admiringly appreciated the success of your difficult and responsible administration of Philippine affairs. We know something of the complicated nature of the situation: the opposition of these interests which were counting upon the drift toward permanent colonialism as a guaranty of their investments or their business operations; the bureaucracy which had grown to be such a dangerous and powerful element; the American press in the islands hostile and bitter enemy of every concession made to the Filipinos; the powerful missionary influence exerted to prevent interference with proselytism in a Roman Catholic country; and the natural jealousies and discordancies (though so wonderfully insignificant) among the Filipinos. Back of all we recognize the temporary annoyance caused by the malevolence of a portion of the American press, directly or indirectly subsidized by large financial interests, eager to disseminate and to magnify every element of doubt or uncertainty in the progress towards the promised Philippine independence.

You have conducted your high office, however, with calmness and dignity, but with an inflexible purpose to carry out the instructions of the Executive, while the succession of events has entirely justified your action and contradicted calumnies set afloat even before they had time to receive currency. We believe that with us you are looking towards the legislative promotion of the course being pursued towards the Philippine Islands, which is soon to follow.

We are confident that you have engraved your name deeply upon the hearts of the Filipinos and that it will be preserved as that of him who has done the largest practical part in carrying on to its fulfillment one of the greatest acts of national atonement and restitution recorded in history.

(Signed)

ERVING WINSLOW, Secretary.

[See vol. xvi., p. 825, 1061.]



### Congressional Doings.

Senator Jones of Washington on March 18 denounced repeal of exemption of American coast-wise vessels from Panama tolls. He said that President Wilson had urged this policy after a conference with the British ambassador, and that it was the price to be paid by the United States for non-interference by foreign powers in Mexico,