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MANILA'S DEATH ROLL

Two Hundred and Twenty American Soldiers Already Lost in Most Favorable Season.

Filipinos Complain That New Taxation Is More Burdensome Than That by Spain.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 3.—Responding to a resolution of inquiry the secretary of war has sent to the senate Gen. Otis' report on the health conditions at Manila. The report is dated yesterday and was made by cable. It is as follows: Deaths among troops in Philippines since arrival to February 1st, seven months, 220, of which 41 were due to wounds and accidents. Of the remaining 179, 65 died of typhoid, 43 of smallpox, 22 of dysentery, and 8 of malarial fever. The remaining deaths were due to many various diseases. Smallpox causes apprehension. The entire command has been vaccinated several times. Twelve physicians have been engaged for several weeks vaccinating the natives. The most sickness is during the hot months, March, April and May, when fevers, smallpox and dysentery are more prevalent. Nine officers of the command are now reported sick. A great majority of the cases are slight ailments.

Hongkong, Feb. 3.—The Filipino junta here has issued the following statement: "Simultaneously with the proclamation of the republic Aguinid released the Spanish prisoners as an act of grace. The Spanish imposition of the poll tax is enforced by the Americans with greater severity. Formerly the poorest paid \$2 and the richest \$3; now the poorest pay \$5 and the richest \$100, which is greatly exasperating the people.

MILES EMBALMED BEEF.

The Court of Inquiry Will Investigate Whether Packers Defrauded the Army Department.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The indications are that a court of inquiry will be ordered to investigate the report upon the truth or falsity of the statements alleged to have been made by Gen. Miles in which the quality of beef used by the troops during the late war was brought in question. The matter was discussed at some length at today's cabinet meeting and although no definite decision was reached, the consensus of opinion being that such a proceeding should be had. It was argued that if the packers who had furnished the beef to the army had fraudulently supplied an article of the character charged by Gen. Miles the country had a right to know it, and if the charges were without foundation the people had an equal right to know that justice to all concerned, it is held, should be done. It was also agreed that Gen. Miles should not be suspended from his office as commander of the army pending such investigation as it is almost ready to be ready for his signature, and it is predicted that he will sign it to-morrow. President McKinley has been patient and long-suffering with Gen. Miles' eccentricities, but patience has ceased to be a virtue in the face of the General's use of his high position at the head of the army to defy all discipline and repeat the charges against the government in a calm and deliberate statement, with an apparent effort to head off the report of the military commission. In accordance with the order made by him against the beef supplied to the army.

THE RURAL PRESS.

Toronto, Feb. 3.—The annual meeting of the Canadian Press Association was opened this morning. The following officers were elected: President, W. D. Digman, editor of Stratford Herald; first vice, J. S. Willison, of the Toronto Globe; second vice, A. G. E. Macdonald, of the Alexandria News; secretary-treasurer, J. A. Cooper, Canadian Magazine.

MILES IN TROUBLE NOW.

To Be Relieved of Command of American Army for Calling Names at the Government.

COLORADO'S SNOW BLOCKADE.

Immense Loss to Railways and Death of Many Cattle—Wrecking Crew Killed by Slide.

Denver, Col., Feb. 3.—It has been many years since the Colorado railways had to contend with such conditions as are now prevailing in the mountain regions. The loss to the railways in this state, taking into consideration the business that is not moving, and the outlay of cash to pay the armies of snow shovellers, is estimated at \$25,000 a day. Not less than 1,000 men have been shovelling snow for several days. Over 500 miles of road in the mountains has been at times shut off from communication with the main lines. Storm bound passengers are fed and cared for by the railway companies.

DISORDER IN LIMERICK.

Council Chamber Invaded and Business of the Corporation Interrupted.

Limerick, Ireland, Feb. 2.—The first meeting of the new Limerick corporation, held today, was exceedingly disorderly. A number of people invaded the chamber and interrupted business. Mr. John Daly, who was elected mayor on January 23 last, threatened to call in the police, and was finally compelled to adjourn the council. On leaving the building Mr. Daly was hissed.

DOMINION DESPATCHES

Mr. Hague Retiring from Management of Merchants Bank—Nova Scotia Legislature.

Chief Witness in Bank Robbery in Poor Health—Trolley Car's Narrow Escape.

Special To The Colonist.

NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE. Halifax, Feb. 2.—The Nova Scotia legislature opened this afternoon. The speech from the throne by Lieut-Governor Daly stated that the provincial finances are in sound condition and the mining industry of Nova Scotia is enjoying a period of unparalleled prosperity.

BANK ROBBERY INFORMER.

Napawee, Feb. 2.—Pare, the principal witness in the bank robbery case, is in very poor health and is suffering from a complication of diseases.

A MARINER'S DEATH.

Windsor, Feb. 2.—Captain W. J. Rose, aged 52, a well known lake mariner, died here last night.

BARRE HAS BIG FIRE.

Barre, Feb. 3.—A disastrous fire broke out today in the Viavi company's dry goods store and spread on one side to the store occupied by Frawley & Devlin, J. E. Jackson's photo gallery and W. A. East's dry goods store, and on the other side to R. A. Stephens' clothing store, James Vair's grocery store and E. H. Williams' stores. The total loss is placed at \$56,000.

FIRE INSURANCE FRAUD.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—Mrs. Von Webenau and her nephew Balderhausen, whose house burned down on Tuesday morning, have been arrested at the instance of the Merchants' Insurance Company which carried a \$2,000 risk on the contents. They charge fraud.

TROLLEY CAR IN DANGER.

London, Feb. 3.—The fast express in pulling out of the Grand Trunk station collided with the truck on the rear end of a trolley car, which was crossing the tracks at Richmond street. The motor man saw the train coming in time to get out of the way, but the trolley car was just in time to save the passengers.

MANITOBA'S AGENT.

Toronto, Feb. 3.—C. H. Jefferys has been appointed agent of the Manitoba government in Ontario to succeed W. D. Macdonald.

MR. HAGUE RETIRING.

Toronto, Feb. 3.—Mr. Geo. Hague, president of the Merchants' Bank for twenty-one years, has handed over his onerous duties to heretofore joint manager F. W. Frydland. Mr. Hague is expected to retire from the bank in an advisory capacity.

THE CUBAN THREE MILLIONS.

Terms Upon Which This Relief Is Granted to the Insurgent Army.

Remedios, Cuba, Feb. 2.—The following are the terms of the settlement with the Cuban army arranged between Gen. Gomez and Mr. Porter, for the United States government: First—The Cuban officers in each province shall assist the American officers in disarming the hands. Second—That these officers shall at once meet at some convenient point and the army, as well as the payment to be made, and arrange any other details. The sum paid to each man shall not be regarded as part payment of salary or wages for services rendered, but to be used as relief of suffering, and as an aid in getting the people to work.

PANAMA CANAL.

Promoters Making Another Appeal to Europe for Capital.

Paris, Feb. 2.—The promoters of the Panama canal have begun negotiations with capitalists in various European cities for raising a sum to push to completion the additional or supplementary plan which they claim that the present state of the Panama canal gives it a secure work. The trip will be made by way of the Suez canal. There were in all 1,314 men and officers on board.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL

Five More Ministers Off to New York to Consider Sacrifices for Treaty.

Military Short Courses Reduced to Two Months—Eight Thousand Medals Claimed.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—Holding a meeting of the Dominion cabinet in a foreign country is the latest innovation of the Liberal government. To-day five ministers, Messrs. Fielding, Mills, Blair, Borden and Sifton, left for New York, where they are to take council to-morrow and Sunday with their three colleagues who are negotiating a treaty at Washington. The object of meeting is to learn the terms of the proposed treaty and to consider how far the three knights would be justified in going in conceding to the Americans. In many quarters fears are expressed that Sir Wilfrid and his colleagues may sacrifice Canadian interests. One of the questions to be threshed out at New York, and which accounts for the presence of the three Maritime Province ministers on to-day's delegation, is the fisheries question. It is said that the conclusion reached at Washington is to the effect that the matter to be arbitrated, although what is known as the "Canadian course" is a difficult one to see. Within a week it is expected the result of the negotiations will be known.

THE DELAY IN THE VIACI COMPANY'S DRY GOODS STORE.

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LOST REASON RESTORED.

Twelve Years of Insanity Ended Through Application of the X Rays.

CHICAGO, FEB. 2.—Twelve years ago Charles Burrill was struck on the head with a brick. Since then until to-day he has been insane, and for a number of years he was an inmate of the Eastern Illinois insane asylum at Kankakee. Yesterday Dr. W. G. Stearns, at the asylum, aided by X rays, operated on Burrill's skull, and the result was that he had long obscured the light of Burrill's mind has passed away, and he began to live as a normal man.

JUMPED THE TRACK.

Engine and Eleven Cars Ditched Near Niagara International Bridge.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Considerable excitement was caused this afternoon by the circulation of a rumor that a train of cars had left the rails on the Canadian side of the international bridge, and that considerable damage had been done. Later it was learned that an engine and train of 11 cars jumped the track at Buffalo, and the Canadian side of the river. No one was hurt, and no damage was done to the train. The accident occurred at 8 o'clock this morning, and all the cars were back in place before noon.

BY TROLLEY TO PYRAMIDS.

Ancient and Modern Handwork Brought in Sharp Contrast in Egypt.

New York, Feb. 2.—The Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co. has received an order for trolley cars to be used in carrying tourists to and from the Pyramids in Egypt. A trolley line is being built by English capital from Cairo to the ancient monuments.

LABOR AGITATOR QUILTS.

Came From England to Organize American Ship Laborers, But They Didn't Want Him.

NEW YORK, FEB. 2.—Edward McHugh, the English labor agitator who came here in 1885 as the agent of the National Dock Workers' Union of Great Britain, to organize the American longshoremen and form an international union, has been unsuccessful. Discarded and disheartened, he has been knocked on the head, and practically legislated out of office as the head of the organization he founded here for England yesterday by the White Star line.

THE CUBAN THREE MILLIONS.

Terms Upon Which This Relief Is Granted to the Insurgent Army.

Remedios, Cuba, Feb. 2.—The following are the terms of the settlement with the Cuban army arranged between Gen. Gomez and Mr. Porter, for the United States government: First—The Cuban officers in each province shall assist the American officers in disarming the hands. Second—That these officers shall at once meet at some convenient point and the army, as well as the payment to be made, and arrange any other details. The sum paid to each man shall not be regarded as part payment of salary or wages for services rendered, but to be used as relief of suffering, and as an aid in getting the people to work.

PANAMA CANAL.

Promoters Making Another Appeal to Europe for Capital.

Paris, Feb. 2.—The promoters of the Panama canal have begun negotiations with capitalists in various European cities for raising a sum to push to completion the additional or supplementary plan which they claim that the present state of the Panama canal gives it a secure work. The trip will be made by way of the Suez canal. There were in all 1,314 men and officers on board.

THE AUSTRALIAN UNION

Details of the Long Discussed Federation at Last Formally Agreed Upon.

New South Wales to Have the Capital but Houses Will Meet First at Melbourne.

By Associated Press.

Melbourne, Victoria, Feb. 2.—The unanimous agreement finally reached by the Australian colonial premiers, who have been in conference here for some days regarding certain unsettled questions connected with the Australian federation bill, referred to them by the colonial legislatures, seems to insure the success of the federation project. The federal capital will be like Washington, federal territory, the existing capitals being excluded. It will be established in New South Wales, but at least a hundred miles from Sydney, the colonial capital. Pending the erection of a capitol building the Australian parliament will meet in Melbourne. The parliament is to consist of a senate and a house of representatives and an absolute majority of members of both houses shall decide all matters that may arise between the two. In other respects the original bill is unaltered.

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