

A BLOODY BATTLE IN THE PHILIPPINES; SIX HUNDRED NATIVES ANNIHILATED

United States Troops at Terrible Cost Wipe Out Gallant Band of Moros After Fierce Two Days' Combat on Volcano Cone.

Manila, March 9.—An important action between American forces and hostile Moros has taken place near Jolo. Fifty enlisted men were killed, a commissioned officer was wounded, four enlisted men were wounded, and a naval contingent operating with the military sustained 32 casualties. The Moros lost 600 men killed.

Corbin Blames Missionaries

San Francisco, March 9.—"There will be no war between the United States and China," said Major-General Henry C. Corbin, upon his arrival from the Orient on the steamer Korea yesterday.

DIED IN COREAN MISSION FIELD

Rev. Robert A. Sharp, Former Londoner, Succumbs to Attack of Typhoid. Rev. Robert A. Sharp, a former Londoner, but for four years past a missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Seoul, capital of Korea, died at that place recently from typhoid fever.

DEFENDERS WIPED OUT

"Col. Joseph W. Duncan, of the Sixth Infantry, directed the operations. All the defenders of the Moro stronghold were killed. Six hundred bodies were on the field.

Afraid the Government Will "Cut in Too Deep"

Hotelmen Say Londoners Can't Stand a License Fee of More Than \$400. Local license holders are taking a keen interest in the bill which it is expected will be introduced shortly by Hon. Mr. Hanna, the Provincial Secretary.

CHINESE EMPEROR III

Peking, March 9.—The Emperor of China, T'ai Tien, is ill. Telegrams have been dispatched to all the viceroys asking them to send their best physician to Peking. The physicians at the palace here say that the Emperor's illness is serious, but not dangerous.

REFUSED TO SAY

Three Rivers, Que., March 9.—In the Slater murder case, Mrs. Slater, widow of the dead man, who was called to the witness stand, positively refused to say a word. Before she refused to be examined, McCraw, counsel demanded to know whether she believed in God, to see whether she was fit for a witness. She simply declined to answer, repeating that she could not answer, and was promptly sent down by Judge Cannon for contempt of court, to stay in jail until she should become more communicative. The woman was terrified, and trembled violently.

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AFTER WILDCAT SCHEMES

Pratt (South Norfolk) Says That the People Are Being Robbed. Toronto, March 9.—A. C. Pratt, of South Norfolk, speaking about his charges in the House against the Cramp Steel Company, said he intended to move for a commission to investigate and report upon some of the wildcat schemes by which the people of the country had been robbed.

BILL RE THE WESTERN

North Middlesex Member Introduces One in the Legislature. Toronto, March 8.—In the Legislature today Mr. Hodgins (N. Middlesex), introduced three bills, which were given their first readings. One was an act respecting the Western University, the second an act to amend the constitution of Huron College, and the third was an act respecting the Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Company.

CHECKS MUST BE THERE

G. T. P. Tenderers Must Incline Certified Paper for Big Sum. Montreal, March 9.—It is announced here that the limit for tendering on the construction of 335 miles of the Government section of the Grand Trunk Pacific will close next Monday, and that, owing to the fact that qualifications for tendering will have to be of the highest order, only the strongest contracting firms will try for the work.

OPERATORS SPLIT

Some for Concessions to the Finers, While Others Oppose. Pittsburgh, Pa., March 9.—Today's meeting of the coal operators of the Pittsburgh district, which was called by Francis I. Robbins for the purpose of laying on some definite policy for presentation at the Interstate convention at Indianapolis on March 19, is regarded as the most important conference held since the question of wages for the miners has come before the public, as it is expected to not only settle the strike question in this district, but to largely influence the result in the States of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

ON SLOW WANTS TO KNOW

British Policyholders in U. S. Companies Are Well Protected. London, March 9.—Earl Onslow, Conservative, gave notice in the House of Lords today of his intention to question the Government as to whether, in view of the disclosures made regarding certain American insurance companies, it proposes to compel foreign companies doing business in Great Britain to keep in this country a sufficient proportion of their securities to cover the claims of British policyholders. The matter will come up in the House next week.

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Good News from Presbyterian Home Mission Field. Winnipeg, March 8.—Today 43 cars of settlers' effects arrived over the Canadian Pacific from Eastern Canada. Rev. Dr. McLaren, general secretary of the Home Mission board of the Presbyterian Church, before leaving for the east today, announced that the subscriptions had been received which would wipe out the home missions deficit of their church.

THE WEATHER

Tomorrow—Fair and Colder. London, Friday, March 9. Sun rises, 6:41 a.m. Moon rises, 5:38 p.m. Sun sets, 6:15 p.m. Moon sets, 6:38 a.m. Toronto, March 8-9 p.m. Light local showers have occurred today from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, while in the Northwest the weather has been fair and a little cooler. The disturbance off the South Atlantic coast will probably move with increased energy along the Maritime coast.

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