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TROOPS FOR PHILIPPINES.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—The transport Indiana will sail today for Manila with one battalion of the 23rd and one company of the 10th infantry. Tomorrow the Meade will sail with the headquarters and two squadrons and two troops of the 15th cavalry. On Monday the Pennsylvania is expected to leave with seven companies of the 10th infantry.

SIR EDWIN ARNOLD.

NEW YORK, March 15.—The Herald says that a letter just received in New York from Sir Edwin Arnold shows that he has been obliged to relinquish much of his active literary work, owing to blindness. In his letter he says: "My condition would be a bad one without patience and resignation. I never despair and go on with my work, thanking heaven for my unimpaired mental powers."

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RUSSIAN STUDENT RIOTS.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 15.—News comes from Moscow that the city is terribly excited over the riot which began there March 14th. The disturbances continued several days, and it is trustworthy reported that one student was killed and many were severely hurt in the conflict with the police who arrested seven hundred persons, besides noting the identity of many others. Some say 1,500 names were taken. It is stated that the demonstration was directed, partially against Grand Duke Sergius, governor-general of Moscow, who celebrated his tenth official anniversary this week. The students intended making demonstrations against their old enemy Suworin, who celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his assumption of the editorship and proprietorship of the Novo Vremya this afternoon by holding a reception, which was attended by the leaders of the social life in the city. The police were in the street and displayed a strong force, and while the students assembled in considerable numbers they departed peacefully.

SOUTH AFRICA.

French Reports More Ca, tures of Boer Soldiers and Supplies.

The Wires to Natal Cut—Kitchener Says Nothing About Peace Negotiations.

CAPETOWN, March 15.—The Boers having cut the wires, telegraphic communication between the eastern provinces and Natal is interrupted.

LONDON, March 15.—A despatch from Lord Kitchener issued this morning is so studiously silent upon the subject of the peace negotiations that it leads to the conclusion that nothing has yet been accomplished of a sufficiently definite character to justify official support to the view that the war is over. Nor do General French's movements indicate a cessation of hostilities, although possibly as on date is given his captures were made previous to the granting of the armistice.

Lord Kitchener's despatch, which is dated at Pretoria yesterday evening, reports as follows: "Dewet has been reported at Senekal on his northward progress. French, in addition to his previous successes, reports forty-six Boers killed or wounded, 146 taken prisoners and surrendered with 200 rifles, 3700 rounds of ammunition, 2,400 horses, 2,600 cattle and 400 wagons and carts, besides mules and trek oxen. Methuen has arrived at Warrenton from Klerksdorp, bringing prisoners and cattle. The weather is now delaying the movements of the columns."

LONDON, March 15.—A despatch from Pretoria, after noting General Dewet's arrival at Senekal, Orange River Colony, says that though he has only a small following Dewet is near a district where he is likely to receive considerable reinforcements and probably intends to pick up roving bands of republicans, who are ever present in the Crowsburg and Korannaberg districts. General French, the despatch adds, has been detained by swollen drifts in the Pietretie district, but is now able to move again. A despatch from Capetown reports that Schepers and his commando have turned southward, and are now within forty miles of Willowmore, and that the British are following them.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.
Marconi Will Establish Stations along the American Coast.

NEW YORK, March 14.—G. Marconi, the demonstrator of wireless telegraphy, who arrived here today, said he expected to remain in the United States but a few weeks. "One of the reasons for my visit," said he, "is to establish wireless telegraph stations along the coast so that vessels arriving and departing can communicate with the shore. Some of the companies are supplied with instruments, but are unable to use them, as there are no stations. The North German Lloyd line will use the wireless system of reporting, but I cannot say what other lines will do. The British navy wireless telegraphy is used, and at the present time forty British war vessels are fitted out with instruments. They have been able to communicate with shore and each other, and the messages have traveled a distance of 200 miles. Passenger vessels will also be able to report at that distance out in bad weather."

Mr. Marconi said he might go to Washington to confer with the navy department.

THOSE FRENCH DUELS.

PARIS, March 15.—The Eclair says the seconds of Count Bonie Castellane in his duel with M. De Rodays, editor of the Figaro, will be Count De Dion and M. Gaston-Johnson.

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, March 15.—The duel which had been arranged to take place today between M. Paul De Roulede and M. Andre Buffet, growing out of the controversy over the action of the royalties of the time of the coup d'etat, planned by M. De Roulede and M. Marcel Habert in 1899, has been abandoned in consequence of the authorities having issued a decree expelling foreigners who would be combatants from Switzerland.

The seconds thereupon decided that it was impossible to avoid police intervention, and as the origin of the quarrel was political the honor of the principals was not concerned.

MORE CARNEGIE MILLIONS.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 15.—The Dispatch says that intimate friends of Andrew Carnegie say that it is the intention of the steel master to give at least \$25,000,000 for the erection of buildings and for the endowment of the proposed technical school of Pittsburgh. It is also declared by those who have talked with Mr. Carnegie, that he intends to make his school the finest of its kind in the world, and that it will lead as much as to Pittsburgh on the theoretical side of iron and steel making as his famous works have done in actual practice.

WELL KNOWN BOSTONIAN.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Arthur Bronson Townsend, the man thought to have attempted to commit suicide at the St. Lawrence hall in Montreal, is a member of a well known family, wealthy, and a bachelor. He belongs to the Exclusive Union and Knickerbocker clubs, and for several months has lived there. His mother is in Paris, where she has been for a year.

BRITISH COMMONS.

Balfour Defends Army Estimates—Mr. Healy Causes a Scene.

LONDON, March 14.—Discussing the army estimates, Sir William Vernon Harcourt reproached the idea of having 120,000 men ready to send abroad. Other opposition members also adversely criticised the government's plan. Mr. Balfour, replying, pointed out that England's colonies and dependencies were contiguous to great powers which might be at war with her, and that her allies might reasonably expect her assistance. The chief object of the government, he said, was not to increase the number of troops, but to make that number effective. The only actual increase was the 10,000 garrison veterans and the 25,000 Yeomanry, an increase so small as to afford no justification for the charges brought against the government.

Sir Charles Dilke criticised the government's scheme as inadequate, declaring that he attached more importance to a striking force equipped for going abroad than to a horde of men at home. After midnight and during the debate on supply a scene occurred. Lord Hugh Cecil called for a division and Timothy Healy, rising with evident excitement, asked the speaker whether the noble lord, the premier's son, was entitled to interrupt. He addressed some remarks to Lord Hugh Cecil which were drowned in an uproar of shouts and cries of "send for the police."

The speaker sternly called Mr. Healy to order, asking him to stop interrupting. Mr. Healy retorted: "I won't. You can do what you like, but keep the premier's son in order. You won't turn him out." Then turning to Lord Hugh Cecil Mr. Healy exclaimed: "We won't stand nonsense from you." "All the time the nationalists were cheering, laughing and shouting 'Turn him out.' 'Fetch the police,' and the like. Eventually quiet was restored.

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THE FRENCH ARMY.
Term of Military Service May be Reduced to Two Years.

PARIS, March 14.—At a cabinet council, held in the Elysee palace today, the question of reducing the French military service to two years was deliberated. General Andre, minister of war, explained that the solution of the question depended upon the establishment of a system for the re-engagement of the large body of men who remain in the ranks as professional soldiers. It is estimated that in order to enable the reduction of the existing effective force, fifty thousand re-engagements and the suppression of all dispensations from compulsory service will be necessary, and that special conditions for certain branches of the army will also have to be adopted, notably the cavalry.

As a result of the cabinet council General Andre will ask the Senate to commission on finances to adopt and submit to the senate the clause in the budget, already voted by the chamber of deputies, which authorizes the minister of war to re-engage a certain number of privates at increased pay for renewal of periods from one to five years and to release a number of soldiers who are the support of their families, and who have served on two years under the colors. The number of re-engagements depends upon the expense, which must not exceed the economics resulting from releases. If the experiment is satisfactory, the two years system will be definitely considered. Its establishment would cost twenty million francs a year.

FATAL HOTEL FIRE.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Electric light wires started a fire in the Merchants' hotel here, which spread rapidly, causing a panic among the guests, several of whom jumped from the window. One person was killed and four severely injured.

The dead: L. F. Henry, 46 years old, autoeuted.
The injured: Stephen Collins, proprietor of the hotel, both legs badly burned, deep burn in neck, burned about face and arms, condition very serious; W. B. Catchings, of Kentucky, back sprained, legs, right side bruised, injuries caused by jumping from window; John Scanlon, head cut by jumping from window; and W. Ketchum, of Connecticut, bruised by falling down stairs.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

MADRID, March 15.—General Mollo has been appointed captain general.

MALONE, N. Y., March 15.—The 71 Chinese who were in jail here were taken to Pitsburgh today.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Admiral Van Rypen, surgeon general of the navy, has prepared an interesting statement showing that there were more casualties in the United States navy during the recent trouble in China than there were during the entire Spanish-American war.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

Fear of a Collision Between British and Russians.

Conflicting Statements Concerning the Situation With Respect to Manchuria.

BERLIN, March 14.—The opinion is gaining ground in official circles here that the Manchuria question is nearing a peaceable solution, but that Russia, in order to secure her interests in North China against possible Japanese interference, will during the month increase her troops there, which now number in round figures 100,000 men.

LONDON, March 15.—The Vienna correspondent of the Times, discussing the gravity of the issues raised by Russia's seizure of Manchuria, says: "The relations between St. Petersburg and at least one other European capital are unquestionably strained, although it is quite unlikely that these conditions will lead to a conflict. In fact Russia's financial embarrassment is so great that she will be almost compelled to take some account of European protests."

Advices from Niu Chwang assert that Admiral Alexieff has reinstated the Tartar General Tsing Chi in full command at Mukden, supported by four thousand Russian troops, says the Shanghai correspondent of the Times. "This is the Russian method of reinstating Chinese officials."

PEKIN, March 14.—China has strenuously objected to the limitations of the Manchurian convention respecting the importation of arms, the re-organization of the army and the practical control by Russia over Chinese officials.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Such information as has come to the hands of officials indicates that the Russian agreement consists of 12 articles, not nine as has been published. On their face it is said they show a return of Manchuria to China, which would seem to be quite in keeping with the desire of all powers. But this is accomplished upon certain conditions imposed upon China, and it is understood that these conditions, in effect, establish a Russian suzerainty over Manchuria, with a Russian official occupying the chief executive position, quite similar to that of the British viceroy of India.

TIEN TSIN, March 15.—The British and Russians are disputing over the limits of railway property in the Russian concession; and the guards of the two nations are in close proximity to each other. The British have strong forces at Tientsin and in the vicinity of the railway, and trouble is imminent unless the Russians retire.

PEKIN, March 15.—Eight Australian volunteers for railway service for a term of six months. It is reported that a large band of military characters of different nationalities are committing depredations between Peking and Tien Tsin. A small squad of Germans encountered the band and have been despatched to despatch the marauders.

WIFE BEATER THRASHED.

The Judge Descended from the Bench to do It.

NEW YORK, March 15.—A special to the World from Wilkesbarre, Pa., says: Justice of the peace, R. C. Mottis, of Duryea, descended from his bench yesterday, stripped off his coat and thoroughly thrashed a wife beater. The man bled profusely and was badly bruised and cut before he gave in and begged forgiveness. The man was arrested by John Pesontini, charged with beating his wife and threatening to kill her.

In the course of the hearing the prisoner replied to a comment from the bench with an epithet, and the thrashing followed. The justice afterwards sentenced Pesontini to jail on the charge of wife beating and threats to kill.

WIFE MURDERED HUSBAND.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 15.—The inquest over the body of Wesley Bain, whose body was found lying near the tracks of the Fort Scott and Memphis railroad last Sunday morning, was concluded yesterday. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that the man had been murdered by Geo. Allen and Mary Bain, wife of the deceased. They were immediately placed under arrest. The most damaging evidence was given by the 10 and 11 year old sons of the dead man. They say that Allen struck their father twice on the head and then Allen and their mother carried their father out of the house. One of the boys went with the officer and got the club from under the house where it had been concealed after the crime.

POPULATION OF INDIA.

CALCUTTA, March 15.—Complete census returns give the population of India 294,000,000, an increase in last decade of 7,000,000. Deducting the population of the Baluchistan, Shashtak, Hills and Sikkim territory, enumerating for the first time, a net increase is shown of only 1-4 per cent, which is due to improved census methods. Thus, the population is for the first time stationary. Owing to two famines, mortality from disease and a great decline in the birth rate, the native states show excessive declines. These results were quite unexpected.

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LO, THE POOR INDIAN.

HELENA, Mont., March 15.—The United States authorities and the authorities of the Custer Company have frustrated one of the most gigantic "rustling" schemes ever attempted in this state. Major Edwards, agent of the Crow Indians, recently discovered that a large number of cattle belonging to the Crows had been stolen. The authorities quietly investigated and have arrested Robert Lee and another cowboy, who are said to be implicated in the theft. The leader and other members of the gang have escaped and are now being pursued by officers. The deputy marshal believes he has recovered more than 1,000 head of stolen cattle, having a total value, according to our authority, of \$37,000. The "rustlers" had changed the brands on the cattle and had expected to run them out of the state and ship them to Chicago in small bunches.