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MANILA THE DANGER POINT

The News From General Otis is to the Effect That the Situation is Serious.

INSURGENTS IN QUARRELMOOD

Any Excited or Intoxicated Person May Precipitate a Battle Between the Opposing Forces.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Sen. Lopez, secretary to Aguinaldo, the Philippine representative at Manila, called at the State Department at 1 o'clock this afternoon and lodged with the chief clerk a communication, which, according to the common expectation, marked the critical stage in the Philippine question. This is the third attempt made by the Philippine representatives to secure official recognition from the United States Government. Secretary Hay, at the time attending a meeting of the Cabinet.

The advice from Manila which has reached the War Department are far from reassuring. It is understood that General Otis reports that the insurgents are about to force an issue, and if this should be so, the result cannot be foreseen. Manila itself is regarded as the danger point just now. While the instructions to General Otis have been to avoid any hostile clash with the natives, so far as that is consistent with the maintenance of his position, it is realized here that it is within the power of any excited or intoxicated person to precipitate a battle between the two opposing forces. General Otis is so sure of his ground that officials here feel no doubt as to the outcome of a hostile collision between the two forces. The insurgent forces under Aguinaldo, but it is particularly desirable that even a battle ending in victory be avoided, as the President has by no means surrendered his conviction that the Philippine problem can be brought to an understanding of the real objects of the United States and peaceful accept the conditions sought to be imposed.

MAGOWAN IN A NEW ROLE.

The Ex-Mayor of Trenton, Was the "Stranger Man" Who Was Robbed in Broadway Garden, N. Y.

New York, Jan. 24.—The case of Simon Buttner, proprietor of the old Broadway Garden, who was arrested last night, accused of securing \$2000 and diamonds at the point of a pistol from a stranger man, came on in Jefferson Market Police Court today. It then developed that the "stranger man" whose name has been given as "Frank A. Magowan" by the police was ex-Mayor Frank A. Magowan of Trenton, N. J. Magowan came to this city on Saturday last, and on Sunday he entered the Broadway Garden and asked for a drink. He was told to get behind a screen and allowed that there Buttner put a revolver in front of his face, filled his clothes with jewelry and \$2000 in cash, and ordered him out of the place, telling him he would be killed if he ever came back. Buttner's counsel deigned to deny the charge, and added that Magowan came to the garden for a drink, and that the thousand-dollar bills, gave considerable money away and paid liberally for food and drink.

QUESTIONS AS TO VOTERS.

Enfranchised Citizens Not Disqualified by Temporary Absence—Case of Freeholders and Tenants.

At the Court of Appeal yesterday in the stated case suggested by the Junior Judge of Northumberland and Durham, East fall court, four or five voters from Northumberland went to Manitoba for the harvest. They were gone three months or more. The Junior Judge brought the case before the Court of Appeal for decision. Chief Justice Burton delivered judgment to the effect that voters need not observe the exact letter of the law in regard to continuous residence in the constituency in order to exercise the franchise. Enfranchised citizens might leave home temporarily.

In the stated case from Egin County, the question was whether freeholders or tenants of real estate, whose ownership or tenancy began after the final revision of the roll for '97, had the right to be placed on the voters' list for St. Thomas for '98. The court said yes in the case of freeholders, but no in the case of tenants.

FURIOUS FIGHTING IN BOLIVIA.

Insurgents Said to Have Defeated the Government Troops—43 Men Were Killed.

Lima, Peru, Jan. 24.—According to advices received here from the Desaguadero District, or inter-Alpine Valley, in Bolivia and Peru, under date of Jan. 22, a fierce battle took place on Jan. 17 at Cerro Bay, thirteen leagues from the capital, between the federalist troops, or insurgents, who now occupy La Paz, and the vanguard of the forces commanded by President Alvaro, with the result that the latter were defeated with the loss of a colonel and 40 men killed. The insurgents also captured six prisoners.

It is added that desertions from the President's troops are occurring daily.

An Open Meeting. The Physiological and Physical Society will be held this evening in the theatre of the Normal School. The president, Mr. J. H. Harty, will deliver the annual address on "Recent Developments in the By-ways of Astronomy and Physics." Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, will preside.

He Was Reminded. Mr. Charles McEachern left last Friday to assume a responsible position in New York. Before leaving he was reminded by a handsome gold locket by the President of the Nesbitt Publishing Company, with whom he has been associated for the past eight years.

Only those who have had experience can tell the torture caused. Pain with your boots on, pain with them off—night and day; but relief is sure to those who use Holloway's Corn Cure.

T. J. WOODCOCK'S WARDEN

The York County Council Began Its January Session Yesterday and Elected Its Chief.

A SKETCH OF THE WARDEN'S LIFE.

There Was a Keen Contest—A Notice of Motion Against Disenfranchisement of the County.

The York County Council commenced their January session in the Court House yesterday afternoon, and spent most of the time in discussing the warden's duties. Five names were put in nomination, namely: F. K. Rescor, T. J. Woodcock, James Chester, H. F. Gibson and S. Baker. Each of the candidates made a short address, after which County Clerk Ramsden appointed Mr. Woodcock as warden, and the balloting commenced. Five ballots were taken with no result, the last ballot being the second round. Mr. Woodcock received 10 and Mr. Baker 5.

Makes His Maiden Bow. Mr. Woodcock, the newly-elected warden, was escorted to the chair by his nomination, and very briefly changed the council for their expression of confidence.

Mr. Norman gave notice that he would move, "That the Committee on Legislation be and are hereby instructed to oppose, before the Ontario Legislature, any committee thereof, any legislation which may be sought to disenfranchise any township or any town the population of which does not exceed 5000."

Who the Warden Is. Mr. Woodcock, the warden of 1890, is an experienced councillor, having been a continuous member of the York County Council, except the year 1892, since 1890, when he was elected Reeve of Newmarket.

THE CASE OF SYDNEY O. SLOCUM
Jury Will Consider the Charge of Mrs. Cullerton To-Day After the Judge's Address.

The trial of Sydney O. Slocum on a charge of criminally assaulting Mrs. Sadie Cullerton at the Lucas House on Sept. 27 last was continued yesterday before Mr. Justice Robertson in the Criminal Assize at the Lucas House. Mr. Victor Olyer and Miss Goodfellow, who live at the Lucas House, testified that they heard screams emanating from room 59 on the night in question, and saw Mr. Lucas, proprietor of the house, come upstairs to quell the disturbance.

Thomas Donlon, one of the men who found Mrs. Cullerton in the room with the prisoner, told of his meeting Cullerton, W. F. Young and A. Munshaw, and their visit to the Lucas House.

O. N. Pirie, a newspaper man, related the story of the affair as told to him by Slocum, and in many respects it corroborated Mrs. Cullerton's testimony.

The defence was commenced yesterday afternoon after Mr. Robertson argued that there was no evidence to go to a jury.

The testimony of Miss Lucas, Alfred Hodgins, James McGarry and William Bailey, proprietors of the Niagara House, went to show that there was nothing in the woman's appearance to suggest that she had been drugged.

Mr. Robertson concluded with his client whether or not he would enter the box on his own behalf, but Slocum declined, and counsel addressed the jury.

Mr. Justice Robertson will deliver his charge this morning.

ARSENIC IN THE COFFEE.

A Philadelphia Butcher and His Three Children Poisoned.

Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—George Schaffer, a butcher, aged 42 years, and his three children, aged respectively 11, 11 and 3 years, were poisoned to-day by drinking coffee which contained arsenic. The father is in a critical condition. The police incline to the belief that Schaffer attempted to kill his children and himself, after regaining consciousness at the hospital, says one of the children must have placed the milk used in the coffee in a cup which contained rat poison. His wife died a few months ago, and Schaffer himself has been ill for some time. He is under police surveillance.

Early Accidents

Cause Lifelong Suffering. A Case that is Causing Talk.

When a lad about eight years of age I fell into a cellar a distance of ten feet, striking on my head, and causing concussion of the brain. I was taken to a London, Eng., Hospital, the first seven days not recovering consciousness. As I grew older these spells became more frequent, lasted longer, and left me with less vitality. I was weak, had no strength or stamina, always very low-spirited and down-hearted; imagined that every thing and every person was going against me, and life only had a dark side for me. My appetite was poor most of the time, but I am now happy to say that, since taking Dr. Ward's Blood and Nerve Pills, I have only had one fainting spell, shortly after I began taking them, so I have no hesitation in saying that Dr. Ward's Pills cured me. Before taking these pills I always looked for a fainting spell not more than two weeks apart now, I would be greatly surprised at a recurrence of these spells. Life is now bright—the constant, morbid, down-hearted feeling is gone, being replaced by a contented, hopeful feeling. I feel like working. My appetite is good, and in every respect I have experienced the health and strength which I always looked for.

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A PIONEER BUSINESS MAN.

A Sketch of the Career of the Late John Y. Reid, Who Died On Monday.

Mr. John Y. Reid of the well-known firm of Buntin, Reid & Co., who died on Monday, was one of the business pioneers of the province. He was born in Berwickshire, Scotland, in 1823, and entered the stationery business there. When 23 years of age he came to Canada, entering the late firm in Hamilton, and when the firm moved to Toronto he was managing partner, operating the first office at Colborne and Yonge streets. There the firm did business for 23 years, and finally occupied the quarters, which Mr. Reid erected on Wellington street.

Mr. Reid, though a zealous business man, took a great interest in agriculture, being the owner of the Bow Park Farm, himself also conducting a fancy stock farm near Paris. Mr. Reid retired from active co-operation with the business firm in 1884, as old age came on, and has been more or less of an invalid ever since.

He was a member of St. Andrew's Society, the Board of Trade for many years a director of the British American Assurance Company, and was deputy governor when that company united with the Western Canada Land Credit Company, and he was one of the directors of the Globe Printing Company.

He was a staunch Liberal, a zealous Presbyterian, being at the time of his death the oldest elder of St. James' Presbyterian Church, an office filled by him for upwards of 30 years. His death leaves a blank in business, social and religious life.

The family surviving him are the widow, Mrs. Y. Reid, of the Toronto General Trusts Company and George B. Reid.

The funeral takes place to-day at 3 p.m. to St. James' Cemetery. Principal Caven and Rev. L. H. Jordan will officiate.

A YUKON ROMANCE.
A Suit For \$1000 By J. A. Frost—A Mining Party Has Up and Down.

The local judge of Owen Sound awarded James A. Frost \$1000 damages from John C. Gillingham, and through W. H. Blake Frost is appealing at Osgoode Hall for the full amount, \$1000.

About a year ago Frost and Griffiths caught the gold fever, and the two entered into an agreement to go to the Yukon, and three-quarters of the trip, and taking very little to Griffiths, finally, two others, Brown and Adams, came in, and the four men, with their equipment, started for the Yukon.

The party disbanded at Peace River, selling their supplies and equipment, and the four men were left with 35c. hard cash. He now sues for \$1000.

CANADA'S WHEAT LANDS.

The Government Should Take Steps to Accurately Define Their Extent and Fertility.

Editor Note: At the meeting of the British Association in Bristol last year, Sir William Crookes, in his presidential address, dealing with the question of the wheat supply of the world, and referring to the country which Canada would furnish, remarked: "Expectations have been cherished that the Canadian Northwest would easily supply the world with wheat, and exaggerated estimates are drawn as to the amount of surplus land on which wheat can be grown. We have seen the enormous area of the Canadian Northwest, 500,000 square miles of profitable wheat land. The impossibility of such an estimate even in the most liberal way is obvious. The whole area employed in both temperate zones for growing all the staple food crops is not more than 1,000,000 acres, and that in no country has more than 10 per cent. been devoted to wheat cultivation."

The address itself is, perhaps, now an old story, and yet the points of the president's remarks on Canada are not likely to pass away with the remembrance of the occasion, for, as every Canadian present at the meeting must have felt, the address excited a lively interest amongst the general public, by reason of its references to the wheat lands of the Canadian Northwest. The British public had hitherto accepted such statements as: "Canada could supply the world with wheat," etc., but it is now in a critical mood regarding such assertions, and it is likely to remain in this mood until something definite is done by the Canadian Government to supply definite and accurate information on the extent of our wheat lands.

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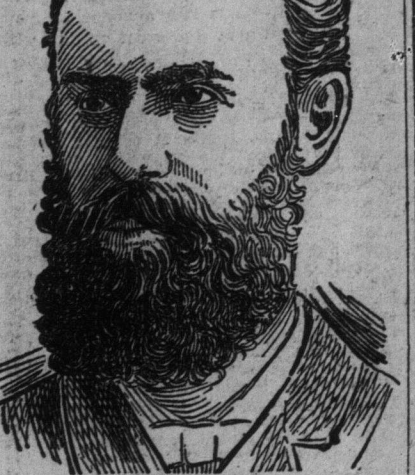
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