

The Colonist.

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TIME FOR THE CURTAIN.

When the Lieutenant-Governor presides today the record of yesterday's proceedings in the Legislative Assembly, he can hardly fail to come to the conclusion that it is his imperative duty to end at once the miserable existence of the ministry that in an evil hour for the province he permitted Mr. Semlin to organize.

Another defection from the attenuated ranks of the ministerial supporters was recorded, when Mr. Prentice in scathing terms denounced the most important measure of the session, and perhaps in the hope that on this as on former occasions the government would repent and withdraw, moved an adjournment of the debate for ten days. They chose to refuse his request. Apparently the forbearance of Mr. Prentice had reached the limit, and he insisted on the division which seals the fate of the government.

The coup de grace was not immediately administered, for in the absence of the city of Mr. James Dunsmuir the house divided evenly—18 to 18; and fortified once more by the casting vote of the Speaker, the ministers had the indecency to proceed to force through the legislature a measure which the vote just taken showed to be doomed to defeat in the complete house. It remains therefore for the Lieutenant-Governor to interpose, and in view of the course of reasoning hitherto followed by His Honor, there is no reason to doubt that his decision will be arrived at quickly.

That Mr. Helmecken eventually voted for the second reading of the bill does not help the government. He remains, as the ministers well know, one of the straight opposition party, and his chance vote in no way offsets the absolute defection of Mr. Prentice indicated by the plain, vigorous words in which he characterized the government's course.

The Semlin government came into being because the Lieutenant-Governor considered that nineteen supporters was not sufficient to enable Mr. Turner to carry on. Nineteen is now Mr. Semlin's total.

Defeated in the legislature on the opening day of this session, the ministers said to His Honor (for of course they must have laid the facts of the situation before him): "It was not a full house; our men were away, while all the opposition were there. In the full house we have the majority."

Now the tables are turned. If Mr. Semlin deals honestly by the Lieutenant-Governor he must say to him: "The government has suffered defeat. True, the Speaker keeps us in countenance for the time being; but we no longer have a majority in the full house."

If Mr. Semlin fails to deal thus frankly with the Lieutenant-Governor, no doubt His Honor will again exercise his right to go beyond his ministers for information of this nature.

There can be no healing of the breach between Mr. Prentice and the ministers. His confidence in them has been completely shattered. We do not pretend to have any special warrant for voicing the sentiments of the member for East Lillooet, but a perusal of his remarks of yesterday leaves no room for doubt as to his sentiments. This Coal Mines Bill, he said, is bad in intention, in principle and in detail; it aims to do by subterfuge what the law has decided cannot be done openly; it is a species of deception. The government, he said in short, have for a discreditable purpose sought to subterfuge and deceit. Holding this opinion, it is impossible that Mr. Prentice can again have confidence in the ministers. He is irrevocably lost to them for the purposes of the party majority necessary to continue the semblance of the long lost control of the house.

The death warrant of the Semlin government has been signed. It remains but for His Honor to fix the hour for execution. No doubt this is the day.

AN ALL-CANADIAN LINE.

Some well-known railway men, whose identity is not disclosed but could, we imagine, be guessed without any great difficulty, are applying to parliament for authority to construct a line of railway from Fort Simpson to Lake Bennett. It is alleged that they have the active sympathy of the Laurier government, which desire to see an all-Canadian railway to the Yukon established at the earliest possible day. Sir Charles Tupper has also been a strong advocate of such a line, as of every other distinctively Canadian project. Indeed the only quarter from which disapproval of such an undertaking has come is from Premier Semlin, who, speaking for his government, turned the hose of his disapproval upon it a few days ago, and threw doubt upon the likelihood of the portion of the province which the

railway will traverse being able to furnish traffic for a road. We regret that it has remained for a British Columbian, and a British Columbian premier at that, to be the first to discourage the opening of this valuable district; but there is some satisfaction in knowing that Mr. Semlin will shortly be relieved from the necessity of expressing views on subjects which he does not appear to appreciate at their full value.

The importance of the proposed railway to the north end of Vancouver Island is greatly augmented by the prospective construction of this line. When the two are in operation the water journey to the Yukon will be reduced to a minimum, and as almost the whole distance is landlocked, it will be possible to send goods from Victoria to the Yukon without change of cars. As connection will in that event be made by railway from the C.P.R. at Vancouver, freight from all parts of Canada and the United States can be forwarded in the same way. Given such a connection and a railway ferry to connect with the United States railways to the south will follow as a matter of course.

The interests of Victoria are bound up in this line to the North and anything which will tend to delay its realization will be greatly to be regretted. We do not know that any one proposes to ask the provincial government and legislature to do anything to promote the line to the north of the Island or the all-Canadian line to the Yukon, but everyone will expect them to keep their hands off from doing anything to delay the realization of these projects. It is not Victoria alone that is deeply concerned in the success of these undertakings but Vancouver as well, and all the farming communities along the Coast. But speaking particularly to the people of Victoria, we wish to say that the future of their city depends more upon the development of this Island and the Northern country than it does in any other direction. We do not know that any one proposes to ask the provincial government and legislature to do anything to promote the line to the north of the Island or the all-Canadian line to the Yukon, but everyone will expect them to keep their hands off from doing anything to delay the realization of these projects. It is not Victoria alone that is deeply concerned in the success of these undertakings but Vancouver as well, and all the farming communities along the Coast. But speaking particularly to the people of Victoria, we wish to say that the future of their city depends more upon the development of this Island and the Northern country than it does in any other direction.

REDEMPTION.

Mr. Turner was wholly right in saying that it is impossible for a ministry, situated as that of Mr. Semlin's is, to bring down a fair measure of redistribution. Redistribution is a matter of supreme importance, and no government whose control of the house is gone should attempt anything of the kind, or if it attempts it, should be permitted to carry out its plans. The temptation to gerrymander would be too great to resist. Moreover, any single member of the house could take the government by the throat and compel it to alter his constituency or leave it alone, just as it suited his individual wishes, a condition of things that would be little else than a scandal. Redistribution is lasting in its effects, it should therefore only be undertaken by a government which by all means possible, should be able to pass a measure of redistribution in the full house.

THE WAR.

Gen. French's movement outlined in our despatches is an interesting one. Yesterday afternoon it was stated that he had seized a crossing of the Riet river and this morning's news announces that this morning's news announces that he has advanced twenty-five miles further to the Modder river, where he has occupied several of the enemy's laagers. These laagers are apparently along Cronje's line of communication with the railway at Bloemfontein, although the vagueness of the maps make it impossible to form a very accurate idea. The Riet and the Modder rivers unite a little west of the Free State boundary. Methuen's force is now at the junction of the two rivers and also is Cronje's. French's movement flanks Cronje on the left and we have already been told of a movement to flank the Boer general on the right. These tactics are calculated to render of comparatively little value the elaborate defences constructed along the line of railway, where the battle of Magselfontein was fought. General Buller's plan appears to be to give the enemy battle from the right and to cut off his retreat by means of French's force.

DANGEROUS LEGISLATION.

Before passing into law and undertaking to enforce its enactment of such a drastic and far-reaching character as the Coal Mines Regulation Act the members of the house should carefully consider what will be the effect of its application to existing conditions. For the moment we do not concern ourselves about the ethics of the discrimination as it may affect foreigners, but at the present time the wrong that will be inflicted upon a small but most deserving class of our own people. We are aware that the principal object in view is to prohibit the employment of underground Chinese and Japanese, the former act having been declared unconstitutional by the privy council. The clause as at present framed goes much further than the old law, and includes in the proposed exclusion "any person who is unable to read the special rules for said mine as printed in English. We cannot too strongly urge upon the government and the members of the house to pause and consider the consequence. Good miners who cannot read English are perhaps a small percentage of the whole, but how few the number may be it will not be right for the legislature to say that they must abandon their calling. We refer especially to men of our own race, but the same remarks will apply to the Scandinavian, the Italian or any other alien who has not learned to read English. The proposed amendment should not pass in its present form. We think this very moderate view of this question will commend itself to most people outside the house, and we are not without hope that it will be accepted by a majority of the legislature. It shows the hasty and ill-considered nature of the bill to which the house is asked to assent. We think it only fair to assume that if the government had been acting in the public interest and not simply as a solicitor holding a brief for a certain mining corporation. We would like to hear the views of the Times on this point.

THREATENING THE HOUSE.

Mr. Speaker Forster is a great stickler for formality in documents presented to the house, and has refused to allow petitions to be read because they did not conclude with a prayer. Like many persons who grasp at the form but frequently miss the substance, and as an illustration we may cite the petition of Daniel & Chambers and others. Their petition is defective because it does not conclude with a prayer. The petitioners are. They may be United States citizens residing in Colorado, or Boers dwelling in Johannesburg for all that appears in the petition. The persons signing it describe themselves in the following words: "The undersigned, the undersigned business and professional men." We submit that the house ought to know something more than this about the persons whose petition it received. It ought to know where they claim to reside, among other things, but there is not a word in the petition in question on this point. This is a fundamental defect, but the most serious objection to it is the following paragraph: "We believe that a government which refuses to be influenced by the ad captand clamor of demagogues and introduce a reasonable system of railway subsidies will find itself cordially supported by the great body of the people."

the alleged friends of the people delight to dilate more than upon this. There are objections to lead subsidies and for our part we prefer cash bounties, because they are definite in value and because they can be surrounded with conditions which will reduce the burden upon the country. Possibly a judicious guarantee arrangement would be better than either cash or land. This is a matter to which much consideration ought to be given. It would probably not be found difficult to devise a plan whereby the investment of capital in the development of railways could be brought about without placing any serious obligation upon the taxpayers. The subject must be approached in a businesslike way, for it is, after all, a simple business proposition. We do not wish to be understood as clearing wholly against any future offer of land subsidies, for in this point we wish to remain perfectly free to discuss any proposition that may be made.

However it may be brought about there is nothing more certain than that if British Columbia is to increase in population and develop wealth, something must be done to inaugurate an era of agricultural progress. The territory of Vancouver Island needs a railway; a road from the Coast cities to the Boundary district is of great importance; Cariboo and Omineca call for the iron road to make their great resources available. An all-Canadian route to the Yukon is among the necessities of the hour. How best can these lines be secured? If any one can suggest a way that will involve no provincial aid, we shall cheerfully give it all the support in our power; but until this has been done we shall continue of the opinion that a judicious railway subsidy plan must be a part of the policy of any successful provincial administration.

CHINA'S RESOLUTION.

It is alleged that China, or rather the Dowager Empress of China, has resolved that the end has come to the territorial concessions granted to European powers, and that hereafter if any Occidental nation gets any Oriental real estate it will only be after fighting for it. This resolve, if it has been reached, and all stories touching the foreign policy of China must be taken with allowance, has come none too soon and will naturally be a great deal of interest to British Columbia. Two explanations will suggest themselves. One is that the fine hand of Russia is getting in its work and the other is that Japan has made her influence felt. A third explanation is possible, namely, that the determination to resist foreign aggression has come from within the empire itself, and this is not at all improbable, for China contains many men of great ability who cannot have altogether deaf and blind to what has been going on in the world. One of the lessons which the war in South Africa is teaching is that weak nations acting on the defensive can exercise indefinite powers of resistance. China can afford to defy almost any European power, especially if she can count upon the naval and military aid of Japan.

RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT.

The development of British Columbia by means of railway construction is a matter which cannot be long left in abeyance. There is a radical distinction between the policy of the present administration and that of its predecessors in this particular. If Mr. Semlin and his colleagues consider railway construction as a means of progress through the province, they have as yet done nothing to demonstrate it, but on the contrary have adopted a policy of repudiation in respect to the agreements entered into in good faith and on the strength of legislative aid. Another radical difference is to be found in the fact that whereas it was the object of the Turner ministry to secure the co-operation of the federal government in the promotion of railway construction, Mr. Semlin and his colleagues have shown a disposition to treat any charter privileges or assistance that may be received from Ottawa by a company incorporated by the provincial house as equivalent to a forfeiture of all rights conferred by our legislature. Mr. McPhillips has taken the lead in opposing this extremely exclusive view which we hope will not long prevail. By what process of reasoning anyone can hope to justify it as yet remains, at least so far as we have been able to observe, a profound mystery. No reason has ever been advanced.

The ministry which revives a policy of railway subsidies will meet with great and hostile criticism, but we are unable to see why this should prevent the introduction of some well-considered measure. There was a tremendous outcry against the Turner government because of the subsidy to the Columbia & Western railway. The very moderate subvention has ensured the construction of an exceedingly important railway line, one that has opened up what some claim to be the richest portion of the province. The subsidy only applies to the main line, not to the many branches already built and the many more that will have to be built as the mining industry expands. The subsidy is nominally \$4,000 per mile, but the branch lines are to be built at a cost of \$10,000 per mile, and we mention this not to make any argument in favor of the proposal to restore the Turner policy so far as relates to this piece of railway, for both sides of the house seem agreed about this, but for the purpose of showing that it is not alone a costly but a judicious branch of the public into his confidence and tell him if it is true that during all the years in which he has been posing as a horny member of the house, he has done nothing to help the province in this respect. His choice for the Speakership is alleged to have been due to his wealth. We are sure that Mr. Forster will see that he should take the public into his confidence and tell him if it is true that during all the years in which he has been posing as a horny member of the house, he has done nothing to help the province in this respect. His choice for the Speakership is alleged to have been due to his wealth. We are sure that Mr. Forster will see that he should take the public into his confidence and tell him if it is true that during all the years in which he has been posing as a horny member of the house, he has done nothing to help the province in this respect.

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Rising to a question of privilege. Mr. Higgins brought to the attention of the house a matter which he regarded as highly important. Early in the session he had taken exception to the entire absence in the Speech from the Throne of any reference to the results attendant upon the operation of the eight-hour law, and had censured the government for not introducing some legislation for the subject calculated to terminate the existing dead-lock in the Slocan. A few days later he had moved for a return of all correspondence in this matter necessary for the intelligent consideration of the eight-hour measure and its results. These returns had finally reached the house in printed form, and he had since spent some time in poring over them in order to gain a clear idea of the situation. It had since he had been thus engaged, come to his knowledge that one of the most important documents in the entire series—namely, a report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, in which it contained a promise that the matter would be brought before the house at an early date, and which had been omitted from the returns.

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The absent document was a letter from the Minister of Mines, and he had given what purported to be a type-written copy of this letter, addressed to Mr. J. J. Campbell of Nelson on the 24th of June and signed by the Minister of Mines. It reads: "VICTORIA, B.C., June 5, 1899. 'Sir,—I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 26th ultimo, stating that the council of the Nelson Board of Trade would esteem it a favor if the government would inform them as to the reason the government had in the first place in assenting to the eight-hour law, and secondly, after the action of that law had been held in abeyance for a time, ultimately to decide upon its enforcement. In regard to these questions, and they have decided that there is no object to be gained by the enforcement of the law, and that it will be gone into thoroughly at the next session of the legislative assembly, when more definite views as to the carrying of the act can be ascertained. I am, Sir, Your obedient servant, (Sd.) J. FRED. HUME, Minister of Mines. J. E. Campbell, Esq., Sec'y Nelson District Mining Ass'n, Nelson, B.C. This letter, the house would notice, did not appear in the returns that had been printed and presented for the house, and it was with the object of ascertaining why this letter—and possibly other letters—had not been included in the returns—that the subject was brought down, that had directed the attention of the house to the grave omission. There could be but one interpretation placed upon this withheld letter—namely, that the government had intended to suppress it during the present session. Hon. Mr. Henderson—No, no. Mr. Martin—No, no, no construction, said Mr. Higgins. "Again I say, no, no," retorted Mr. Henderson. In any event the omission was a grave one, the junior member for Esquimalt concluded, and he hoped to hear from the government in explanation of the following resolution: "Whereas, on the 8th day of January last, the following resolution was unanimously passed by the house: 'That the respectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, asking His Honor to cause to be laid before this house, copies of all correspondence between the government of British Columbia, or any member thereof, or any member of the Dominion of Canada, or any member thereof; also, all correspondence between the government of British Columbia and any person, or persons, or miners or mine-owners, relating to the enforcement of the provisions of section 4 of an act intitled 'Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Amendment Act, 1899.' And whereas on or about the 1st day of February a return which purported to be a full and complete return of said correspondence was laid before the house. And whereas there were omitted from the said return a letter which had an important bearing on the controversy with regard to the enforcement of the section 4 of an act intitled 'Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Amendment Act, 1899,' said letter being addressed to the secretary of the Nelson District Mining Association—the letter being here set forth:—'Therefore, be it resolved that the suppression of the letter above quoted is a deliberate violation of the prerogatives of this house, and an attempt to evade a promise to consider the eight-hour law at the present session; and that this house hereby censure and condemn the government for their failure to refer in the speech from the throne to the condition of affairs in Kootenay, and for their failure to introduce legislation to rectify the evils under which both miners and mine-owners labor in the Slocan.'"

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The Routes To Omineca

Mine Owners Favor the One via Hazelton in All Seasons. Party Leaving by the Willapa This Evening to go Over Snow. Mr. G. W. Otterson, a mining man, was in town yesterday on his way to Manson creek, and was at the New England Hotel. He is going north on the Willapa to-day with men and supplies intending to go in by the Hazelton trail. Mr. Hill, of the Vital Creek Mining Company, and C. A. Thompson, superintendent of the St. Anthony Explora- tion Company, with ten men and supplies, are going in at the Hazelton trail. Mr. Otterson says that he noticed an article in yesterday's Colonist signed by "Ashcroft" which stated that Captain Black and a party of six men had gone in to Manson creek via the Ashcroft-Quesselle route. Mr. Otterson says that this route was not a new supply route, but the reason that Captain Black took this route was that some supplies stored at Quesselle and Stewart, and was forced to go that way to pick them up. Mr. Otterson has been over both the Ashcroft-Quesselle and the Hazelton routes, and says that it is a long, hard trip via Ashcroft. It is 280 miles to Quesselle and 120 to Manson creek. The trail is not broken in winter and the whole distance has to be broken on foot. He was 30 days going in by that route last winter. William Morrison, J. Kavanagh, J. Tierney and Y. Brown explain to him that the trail is not broken in winter. Mr. Otterson says that he has no interest in any transportation, but is interested in the mining at Manson creek. The company that he is interested in employs about 70 men. The St. Anthony Company employ 125 men at Hazelton. Mr. Otterson says that all these men go in by the Hazelton trail. There are about 25 white men in the labor force at Manson creek, and during this winter about 300 Indians go in.

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Advertisement for Beecham's Pills, featuring the brand name in large letters and a small illustration of a person.

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Orange Grand Lodge. Preliminary Meeting Held in A.O.U.W. Hall Last Evening-The Delegates.

The regular annual meeting of the Orange Lodge of the West was held at the Masonic Hall, Esquimalt, last night by the members of the various lodges in attendance. The meeting was held in a hall that had been reserved for the purpose, and was attended by a large number of delegates from the various lodges. The program was well conducted, and the delegates were given an opportunity to express their views on the various matters that came before them. The meeting was a success, and the delegates were able to reach a number of important decisions.

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LOCAL NEWS

A Hearing To-morrow-Much interest attaches to the defendant's suit in the case of the government against Sheldon Williams. The hearing is set for to-morrow at 10 o'clock in the Court House, and a considerable crowd is expected to be present. The case involves a dispute over the payment of a debt, and the defendant is seeking to have the debt discharged. The government is arguing that the debt is valid and should be paid. The hearing is expected to be a long and interesting one.

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SCOUTS CAPTURED.

Renburg, Feb. 11.-Out of a patrol from the Renburg, under Captain Hamilton, composed of eight Tasmanians and eight of Gen. French's scouts, only two Tasmanians and three scouts returned. The others were captured by the Boers.

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BOER LOSSES AT MODDER.

Modder River, Feb. 11.-The Highlanders returned last night. Before returning they found the bodies of 12 Boers. They believe the loss of these 12 Boers was a heavy one, and they are confident that it is known that in addition to the dead Boers found, several had been buried.

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- KNICKERS 25c, 35c, 50c per pair
- BOYS' OVERCOATS and PEA JACKETS \$1.00 each
- GENTS' STIFF and SOFT HATS, \$1.60 each, worth \$3.00 each
- WINTER UNDERWEAR, to clear 25c, 35c, 40c, 50c
- 100 doz. SOX 10c pair, worth 25c



B. WILLIAMS & CO., JOHNSON STREET.

Enemies of The Orchard

Now is the Time to Attack the Dangerous Insect Pests.

Dead Spot or Canker in the Bark of Apple Trees Explained.

In view of the fact that an early spring may be expected and already in warm localities the buds of fruit trees are starting growth, owners of fruit trees should lose no time in making preparations for spraying their trees.

As has often been pointed out, the most efficient spraying is done while trees are in a dormant condition, and as an all-round spray against insect pests at this season, there is nothing better than the No. 1 spray, or lime, ash and sulphur wash.

Least season is especially favorable to the development of fungus diseases, and against these the most effective spray is the Bordeaux mixture.

It may be used with advantage of doubt strength just before growth starts, and will not injure the buds or tender young growth.

Every orchard in the Coast districts of the province should be well sprayed with this mixture as a preventive of attack, and to destroy the germs of fungus diseases.

In cases where insect pests are present, the No. 1 spray should be applied in the first instance, followed by the Bordeaux mixture to prevent the germination of the spores.

As dead spot or canker in the bark of apple trees has recently been studied by Prof. Cordley, of the Oregon Agricultural Experimental Station, from his book on the subject, furnishing the most recent and reliable investigation concerning the disease.

Prof. Cordley has determined that the disease is caused by a hitherto undescribed species of fungus, which he names "Gloeosporium mallicorticis," and as it is allied to numerous other fungi of economic importance, which are generally known as "Anthracoses," suggests as its common name, "Apple Tree Anthracosis."

The disease appears first in the fall, soon after the autumn rains begin to fall, and is irregular, sometimes slightly depressed brown areas of the bark. During the fall and winter months it spreads but slowly, but with the advent of warmer weather in spring, growth takes place rapidly, until, under favorable conditions, the disease may invade an area several inches in diameter.

Under observation, such areas, the past season (1899) ceased to enlarge later in May, and early in June the first evidence of spore formation was noted. At that time the diseased areas were dark brown in color, markedly depressed, and in most instances limited by ragged irregular fissures, which separated the dead from the surrounding living tissue.

Investors Resent Oppressive Law

No Other Explanation for the General Closing of the Mines.

Slocan First to Show Signs of Recovery as New Hands Arrive.

To the Editor of the Colonist: Sir: There are now many hundreds of miners going about the West Kootenay because of the enforcement of the eight-hour law. It may be said that every important mine has now been shut down, and while it is probable that in one or two particular cases the discharge of the employees is to be attributed immediately to other causes than the eight-hour law, still it is to be expected that the managers in these exceptional cases are proceeding to the verge of despondency.

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Recent Events in Philippines.

Milwaukee Brewery Representative's Adventures Rival Those of Munchausen.

Liberated American and Spanish Prisoners Arrive at Manila.

El Noticiero, the old Spanish government paper of Manila, copies of which were received here by the City of Dublin, announces in its issue of January 4th, on the authority of liberated Spanish prisoners lately arrived at the Philippine capital from the northern province of Luzon, that an important proclamation has just been issued from revolutionary headquarters.

It bears the signature of General Aguinaldo, and the endorsement of his chief-of-staff, General Concepcion, and directs the immediate liberation of all Spaniards remaining in the hands of the revolutionary forces.

The proclamation was issued from the town of Cebu (Luzon District) under date of December 2 last, and sets forth as reasons for the action indicated that "the causes for the Philippine government retaining any longer these persons having ceased to exist, since the intervention which was expected to encourage did not come about; and taking into account that it would be injurious to prolong for a single moment their state of captivity, and at the same time as an act of compliance with the earnest extra-official entreaties of the Spanish revolutionaries, it is hereby ordered that all Spanish prisoners be at once restored to unconditional liberty."

The effect is predicted by El Noticiero to be an early augmentation of the Spanish population of runners of the released inmates that Aguinaldo was running short of provisions for his own people because the manumission of prisoners also comes from Manila, under date of January 6th, of the release of the American soldiers.

They include the names of the Yorktown and Urdaneta and soldiers from the latter, while accompanying them was G. W. Langford, agent of the Pabst Brewing Co., who had escaped from the swamps, taking thrilling experiences. At the village of Mount Arayat, recently the Philippine revolutionaries were held as prisoners belonging to the 9th and 12th United States Infantry. Their bodies were frightfully mutilated with holes.

When W. G. Langford, representative of the Pabst Brewing Company, gets back among his brother drummers in Chicago to the military and naval forces of the Philippines, he will be entitled to the highest honors of the craft, for according to the Manila papers received by the City of Dublin, he has just given an exhibition of his daring and resourcefulness of the American salesmen in reaching the swamps, taking the delivery of many carloads of beer for the Pabst Brewing Co. to the Philippine Islands.

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