

NOT A CHEERFUL VIEW.

The Chicago Tribune Prints a Summary of What Has Been Accomplished During the Campaign.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—The Chicago Tribune prints a summary of the situation in the Philippine islands. The letter is from the Tribune's Manila correspondent, Richard H. Little, and is dated Manila, September 14, more than a month ago. The letter follows:

Here are some figures made 7½ months after our campaign in the island began. Say it is 15 miles to Angeles—we hold possession of the rail-road up to that point. We can fairly take possession of the land a half-mile on each side of the track. We have possession of the wagon road and, let us say, a half-mile on each side from S. N. Fernando through Bacolor to Santa Rita, eight miles, with four miles to Guagua. We have a road from Malolos to Baliuag, 11 miles northeast. We can claim 11 square miles here.

We have Manila, out as far as the water-works, five miles away. That gives us, say, 35 miles around the city. Then we have the road and a half-mile each side down 18 miles to Imus. Then we have Calamba and some other points on the lake that Gen. Lawton captured before he was ordered back. These towns are not approached by road, but by boat across the Laguna de Bay, and we control only the land they stand on.

Adding up our total possessions we find we have 117 square miles. The island of Luzon contains 42,000 square miles.

Outside of Luzon the insurrection seems to be growing. The insurgents hold ports in Mindanao, the next largest island to Luzon in the Philippines, and said to be inexhaustibly rich in gold and silver mines, iron and copper ores, coal and other minerals, besides possessing wonderful forests of hard wood. No Americans have dared venture there as yet, as Gen. Otis has sent no troops to the island. Englishmen and Germans are prowling about the island getting all the concessions they can. It is said several prospecting parties are at work.

WILL MAKE A TEST CASE.

Minnesota Corporations Believe the "Gross Earnings Tax Laws" Are Illegal, Under the Iowa Decision.

Duluth, Minn., Oct. 30.—In the light of the recent Iowa decision an effort will be made to overthrow the gross earnings tax laws under which the railroads, express, sleeping car, telephone, telegraph and other corporations in this state are now taxed. It is held that the Minnesota law is open to the same constitutional objection as that found in the Iowa law, viz.: Corporations should be taxed on the same basis as individuals. The Duluth local assessors will assess the valuable railway terminals and other property at the next valuation, thus bringing the matter into court.

O'DAY LOST HIS CASE.

Discharged Railway Employee Who Brought Suit for \$50,000 Damages for Being Blacklisted Defeated in Court.

Chicago, Oct. 29.—A verdict of "not guilty" was returned by the jury in the suit of Joseph O'Day for \$50,000 damages against the Chicago & North-western Railway company and the Wabash Railway company for alleged blacklisting. The specific charges were that through an agreement of the various railroads throughout the country O'Day and others who had participated in the American Railway union strike in 1894 should be refused employment unless they could secure permission from the road by which they were last employed.

Bell Denies the Soft Impeachment.

St. Louis, Oct. 30.—Col. Nicholas M. Bell, ex-superintendent of the foreign mail service, returned Saturday from Washington. He said: "The story floating around to the effect that I had, by authority of some of the members of the national democratic committee, tendered to Admiral Schley the nomination for the office of vice president of the United States, is pure fabrication. The committee certainly has no such authority, individually or collectively. The convention will attend to that."

Skilled While on an Errand of Mercy. Carlinville, Ill., Oct. 30.—Three men were killed on the Jacksonville & St. Louis railroad between Barnett and Atwater, Macoupin county, to-day. They were on their way on a handcar from Barnett to Atwater to secure the services of a physician for a friend who was very ill. The men were in the employ of another road, but took chances in running over the Jacksonville & St. Louis railway to fulfill their errand of mercy, when they were run down by a passenger engine.

Expert Takes a Serious View.

London, Oct. 29.—One of the best military experts in London takes a very serious view of the British difficulties in South Africa. He asserts that the British plan of defense of the western border is as defective as the Glencoe-Ladysmith line in Natal, which Gen. White was compelled to abandon in an hour of victory. It includes three weak garrisons, separated by long distances.

Heavy Loss of British Officers.

London, Oct. 29.—The large number of British officers killed in the battles which have already taken place in Natal has brought out strenuous protests from many quarters against the ancient custom of British officers refusing to take cover when under fire. From figures at Glencoe it is apparent that one out of every four men killed was an officer.

Large Earnings of the Santa Fe.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 30.—The statement of earnings and expenses of the Santa Fe system for the past month shows there was an increase of more than \$500,000, while operating expenses increased only \$21,000. Net earnings for the month increased nearly \$500,000.

IT WAS NOT A GIFT.

Cornelius Vanderbilt Insisted on His Rights and Alfred Gave Him \$6,000,000 to Avoid a Contest.

New York, Oct. 28.—The World to-day published the following: Cornelius Vanderbilt, at his home, No. 608 Fifth avenue, at 10:15 o'clock last night, made this important statement to a World representative:

The agreement by which I receive \$6,000,000 from my brother's portion of the estate has been made to appear as a mere gift. It is no gift, but the result of a compact entered into before my father's demise. By this compact I was to receive no less than \$10,000,000. The truth of the matter is that an agreement of adjustment was made from the beginning. Yes, I may say from the beginning to the end. There was an understanding between us that my share should be no less than \$10,000,000.

The Tribune to-day says: The provisions of the will of Cornelius Vanderbilt, which were made public yesterday, excited intense interest. From certain remarks it appears that this statement, effected after long discussion, alone prevented a contest that might have resulted in one of the greatest and costliest will litigations ever known. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., when he learned the provisions of his father's will, placed his interests in the hands of his counsel, Carter & Ledyard. They conducted negotiations with Henry B. Anderson, the attorney of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt. While none of those interested will say just what was done, enough has been admitted to indicate that had Alfred not made the concession mentioned, litigation would have followed.

It was learned from a trustworthy source that Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., is much disappointed in his father's will and the attitude in which he has been placed by his brother's handsome concession, and that he will withdraw from any further participation in the affairs of the Vanderbilt properties.

MORE MULES ARE NEEDED.

Our Soldiers Have Been Handicapped in Their Operations About Manila for Want of Such Animals.

Washington, Oct. 28.—What is needed in the Philippines to-day is more mules. An army pack mule can carry only 150 pounds. A soldier's rations in the field weigh, including their packing, between 3½ and 4 pounds a day. Calling it 3½ pounds, one mule can carry only one day's rations for 40 men. For a force of 40,000 men 1,000 mules will be necessary to transport a single day's rations, or for a period of ten days 10,000 mules would be necessary. In a large part of the district in which the fighting would be done, if the troops got away from the railroad, the roads would be of no use for heavy supply trains and everything practically would have to be done by packing. This explains why the American army in the island of Luzon has been confined in its operations to territory close to a railroad. It seems that both parties to the war in Luzon have found it necessary to hug the railroad country, at a serious disadvantage to themselves.

WILL NOT DEFEND TITLE.

A Government Patent to Land by No Means a Warranty Deed—Suits Against Settlers.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 28.—A special from Fergus Falls, Minn., says: In view of the cases which the Northern Pacific is bringing against a large number of the settlers in this vicinity, C. F. Hanson has written the secretary of the interior to find out if there was any possibility of the government defending its patents. The reply indicates that a government patent is by no means a warranty deed. The acting secretary, Thomas Ryan, writes as follows: You are advised that the government has no interest whatsoever in the controversies, patents having been issued for the lands, and it would be utterly impossible for the government to defend the title conferred by it in every instance where it is attacked. The title conferred by the government is not warranted and the patentee has no better title than the government itself may have at the time it patents the land.

MOUNTAIN GUNS FOR OTIS.

A Battery of 12 Rapid-Fire Instruments of the Latest Pattern Shipped from London to Manila.

London, Oct. 28.—Col. Sumner, military attaché of the American embassy here, has just purchased and shipped to Gen. Otis, in the Philippines, a battery of 12 of the latest pattern of Nordfeldt Maxim rapid-fire guns. These pieces are the first of this style of gun that have been purchased for the American army. They are especially adapted for mountain fighting or flanking movements. Each gun fires a three-inch shell or shrapnel, with an accurate range of 2,000 yards. This relatively short range is quite equalled by our present field pieces, but where the latter, with their caissons, require 12 horses, the new gun can be easily carried on the backs of three mules—one each for the gun, carriage and ammunition.

Wilson Says It Helps Trade.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Secretary Wilson has interesting views on the war in South Africa from an American trade point. He said: "The war will greatly increase our trade with Great Britain. The producers of the United States already are reaping benefits from the disturbed condition in South Africa. Great Britain is dependent upon the United States for most of her supplies."

Against the Wearing of Plumes.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 28.—The closing session of the conference of the King's Daughters and Sons was held yesterday in Ascension Protestant Episcopal church. The committee on resolutions took action in favor of prohibiting the wearing of plumes, feathers and birds on hats.

DEATH OF GEN. HENRY.

A Veteran of the Civil and Spanish Wars and Until Recently Governor General of Porto Rico.

New York, Oct. 28.—Brig. Gen. Guy V. Henry, United States army, late military governor of Porto Rico, died a few minutes before four o'clock yesterday morning at his home, 139 Madison avenue, of pneumonia. He had been unconscious for several hours, and his end was peaceful.

Gen. Henry was a veteran of the rebellion, numerous Indian campaigns and the Spanish war. His father before him was a soldier, a graduate of West Point, and had served in the Seminole war. Guy Henry was graduated from West Point at the beginning of the civil war, and at once went into active service in the artillery.

At the opening of the war with Spain last year he was made brigadier general of volunteers. He commanded a division in the campaign against Santiago and then went with Gen. Miles to Porto Rico. He was for a time commandant of the division of Ponce and then was put in charge of all the troops on this island. In October he had been made brigadier in the regular army and three months later he was commissioned major general of volunteers and governor general of Porto Rico. Gen. Henry returned from Porto Rico this summer. He was succeeded by Gen. G. W. Davis. Gen. Henry had been appointed to command the Department of the Missouri when he was taken ill. He was 63 years old and could have served four more years had he lived.

MASON'S RESIGNATION.

It Is Said the Illinois Senator Will Soon Take a High-Salaried Legal Position—Tanner to Succeed Him.

Chicago, Oct. 28.—The Herald to-day says:

Senator William E. Mason's threat to resign unless the administration's present foreign policy is changed, according to the latest prophecy, may be executed before Christmas. Persons who assume to be well informed insist that he will step out immediately in pursuance of an arrangement which will change the face of republican politics in Illinois. The story, as widely circulated yesterday, runs to this effect: Senator Mason will resign in a few weeks to take a high-salaried legal position—\$12,000 or more a year—with one of the biggest corporations in the country, having headquarters in Chicago. Gov. Tanner will then resign, and Lieut. Gov. Northcott, on succeeding to the governorship, will appoint Tanner to the vacant senatorship. With Tanner thus eliminated from the gubernatorial situation, Northcott can be made the "organization" candidate for governor next year. The interests which are alleged to be making Senator Mason their attorney at a big salary, with a long term contract, are interests which have a friendly feeling for Gov. Tanner's future.

THE MARINE CORPS.

Gen. Heywood Reports Its Condition as Satisfactory, Except for a Lack of Officers.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Brig. Gen. Charles Heywood, commanding the United States marine corps, has submitted his annual report to the secretary of the navy. He states that the condition of the corps is satisfactory, except for a lack of officers. It is an interesting fact that the physical requirement of recruits has been changed, making an allowance of an additional inch in the maximum height. During the Spanish war and on other occasions during the past year, the men of the marine corps have rendered service calling for special commendation, and a number of these cases are mentioned by Gen. Heywood. Medals of honor were awarded to 12 men of the Nashville and Marblehead for their gallantry in the cable cutting off Cienfuegos during the war.

FRANCE IS NOT CONCERNED.

An Authoritative Statement Denying Rumors of Intended Franco-Russian Intervention in the Transvaal War.

Paris, Oct. 28.—An authoritative statement was issued this afternoon formally denying the rumors of intended Franco-Russian intervention in the Transvaal war and declaring that France has no ground and no desire for any such intervention at present and that Russia is most likely placed in the same position, adding that Germany is the only power directly concerned in the matter.

Senator Pettigrew's Opinion.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 28.—A special to the Journal from Aberdeen, S. D., says reports from Senator Pettigrew's meeting at Woonsocket credit him with having eulogized Aguinaldo as a patriot and hero. He never once referred to the achievements of the South Dakota regiment in the Philippines. At the conclusion of this portion of his address he said: "I am ashamed of my country. I would pull down the flag and go back and blot out recent history if I could."

Lord Rosebery's Prediction.

London, Oct. 28.—Lord Rosebery, in a speech at a private dinner of politicians, referred to the war and the heavy loss of life, saying that they had to deplore the death of Gen. Symons and before they sheathed the sword there would be many more such losses. In the meanwhile, he added, the country ought to present a united front to the enemy. In his opinion the Transvaal was not a very complicated question, but merely the effort of a community to "put back the clock."

Sulu Slaves to Be Freed.

Washington, Oct. 28.—War department officials refuse to make public any of the provisions of the arrangements made by Gen. Bates with the sultan of Sulu, the southernmost group of the Philippines. A cabinet officer says Gen. Bates has provided for the immediate mitigation of the conditions of the slaves and their ultimate emancipation.

THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

Interesting Figures Taken from the Annual Report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Washington, Oct. 27.—The annual report of Commissioner Hermann of the general land office, made public yesterday, shows a grand total of 929,308,068 acres of unappropriated and unreserved public lands in the United States. The disposals of public lands during the fiscal year show an increase of 728,586 acres compared with the aggregate of the previous year. The total cash receipts of the service increased \$792,142 over last year. Original homestead entries show a decrease of 28,970 in area involved and final entries an increase of 229,939,192 in area. There were 150,541 acres certified or patented as swamp lands during the last year, an increase of almost 54,000. Indian and miscellaneous land patents issued aggregated 212,848 acres and 430,760 acres selected by the various states and territories were approved and certified for educational and other purposes. Under the several railroad grants made by congress there were certified and patented last year 594,671 acres of land, together with 60,392 acres for wagon road construction.

IMMIGRATION INCREASING.

Last Year's Arrivals Numbered 311,715, an Increase of 36 Per Cent., Many of Them Poor and Illiterate.

Washington, Oct. 27.—In his annual report Commissioner General Powderly of the immigration bureau, gives the total arrivals for the year ended June 30, 1899, as 311,715, an increase over the next preceding year of 82,416, or 36 per cent. Of the total arrivals, Europe supplied 297,349; Asia, 8,972; Africa, 51, and all other countries 5,343. As to illiterates, 60,446 could neither read nor write. As to amount of money brought, 39,671 had each \$30 or over, and 174,615 had each less than \$30. The total amount of money exhibited to officers was \$5,414,462.

OUR SOLDIER DEAD.

Arrangements to Bring Home the Bodies of the Men Who Died in the Philippines.

Washington, Oct. 27.—D. R. Rhodes, who superintended the removal of the American dead from Cuba, has gone to Manila to make arrangements for bringing to this country the bodies of the men who have fallen in battle or died of disease in the Philippine islands. The promise made by the president at the time of the breaking out of the Spanish war, that the bodies of all soldiers who fell in battle or died of disease in foreign countries should be returned to their homes in this country for final interment will be strictly adhered to in regard to the Philippine war.

DEWEY GRATEFUL.

The Admiral Acknowledges the Receipt of the Title Deeds to the Home Presented by His Countrymen.

Washington, Oct. 27.—Frank A. Vanderlip, chairman of the Dewey home committee, has received the following letter from Admiral Dewey:

Washington, Oct. 26.—Dear Sir: I acknowledge the receipt this day of the title deeds to the beautiful house presented to me by my countrymen. My heart is full of gratitude to them for this overwhelming expression of their regard for me, and I request that you will also accept and convey to the committee my heartfelt thanks for your and their efforts.

Sunday Newspapers Condemned.

Boone, Ia., Oct. 27.—At the Iowa Baptist state convention it was resolved yesterday that four district missionaries be appointed in the state instead of two as heretofore, and that \$12,000 be raised for the use of the committee. The obituary committee reported 12 ministers deceased the past year. Resolutions were reported condemning Sunday concerts, newspapers and post office opening, condemning the army canteen, protesting against the seating of Congressman-elect Roberts and favoring prohibition.

No Mercy for the Preacher Murderer.

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 27.—Rev. G. E. Morrison, the wife murderer, was hanged this afternoon at Vernon, Tex. Gov. Sayers refused to commute the death sentence to life imprisonment. Morrison poisoned his wife, but the crime was not fastened upon him for several weeks afterward. After Mrs. Morrison was buried the preacher went to Topeka, Kan., and was about to marry a young lady there when he was arrested.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee at New York.

New York, Oct. 27.—Maj. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, who arrived on the steamer Havana on Wednesday, was released from quarantine yesterday. The reporter tried to talk about Cuba, but Gen. Lee said: "Ask me about the Boer war, ask me about the coming election, but don't ask me about Cuba and annexation. It is a mix up. Sooner than talk about it I'd rather have you take my temperature again."

A Show That Did Not Pay.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 27.—The Greater America exposition will close next week and Omaha's white city will be dismantled. The attendance this year will not aggregate over 700,000, and the show, from a financial standpoint, has been a failure. Last year more than 2,500,000 persons attended and the stockholders made money.

FOR A PACIFIC CABLE.

Project for Linking the United States With Our Island Possessions and to Points Beyond.

Washington, Oct. 28.—In official and diplomatic quarters attention is being directed to the question of a Pacific cable, linking this country with the Philippines and points beyond.

In a general way, the project is for a cable of four links, viz.: From San Francisco to Hawaii, 2,160 miles; from Hawaii to Wake island, 2,044 miles; from Wake island to Guam, 1,393 miles; from Guam to Manila, 1,350 miles. These landing points are all within the control of the United States, our flag having been raised at Wake island not long ago. This would connect all the American possessions in the Pacific by a line crossing no foreign territory. Besides this, the plan permits of an expansion so as to secure two outlets to Asia and the far east.

The first of these would be from Manila to the Japanese island of Formosa, from which island Japan has built a line to the Japanese coast and the mainland of Asia. The second outlet would be from Hawaii south to Fanning's island, at which point the newly-projected British cable from Vancouver to New Zealand crosses.

AIMED AT MORMONISM.

Pamphlets Issued at Miss Helen Gould's Direction Asking Clergymen to Preach on Mormon Practices.

New York, Oct. 28.—Miss Helen Gould has given \$6,000 to the League for Social Service, to be used in a crusade against Mormonism. The league has issued 1,000,000 pamphlets in pursuance of Miss Gould's directions. They are aimed directly at Mormonism and Brigham H. Roberts, as congressman, and will be distributed all over the country. When they are exhausted millions more will follow them. The pamphlets are blank petitions and will be sent to 50,000 clergymen and to hundreds of clubs and societies. Clergymen will be asked to preach on the subject of Mormon practices and also to take up collections for use in the crusade against them. As fast as the blank petitions are filled in they are to be returned to the league in New York. There will be a separate petition for each congressional district. When they are all received by the league they will be presented to the respective congressmen of the districts.

COUNTERFEITING HIS TRADE.

J. C. McKibben, One of the Most Persistent Offenders Against Uncle Sam's Laws, Back in Prison.

Leavenworth, Kan., Oct. 28.—J. C. McKibben, the Texas counterfeiter, is back in the federal penitentiary again. This is the prisoner who was actively at work counterfeiting while in the federal penitentiary three years ago. He was employed in the photograph gallery and was making imitation \$5 bills when detected. Since his release he has been arrested twice for counterfeiting. He was to be tried in the federal court here on a charge of counterfeiting and was out on bond, but in the meantime was arrested in Texas for the same offense.

Methodist Women's Missionary Offering.

Cleveland, O., Oct. 28.—There was a good attendance at the second day's session of the convention of the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church. The reference committee reported that 14 applicants had been appointed missionaries during the year and four of them sent to foreign fields. A committee was appointed to raise \$200,000 among women toward the great twentieth century offering, to be made by the Methodist churches for missionary work.

Federal Receipts Itemized.

Washington, Oct. 28.—The total receipts of the government for the last fiscal year were \$495,069,910, divided as follows: Customs, \$197,864,857; internal revenue, \$273,345,302; miscellaneous, \$23,859,751. Of customs, Missouri contributed \$1,455,976. Of internal revenue, Missouri contributed \$16,369,096 and Kansas and Oklahoma \$947,025.

Thinks Boers Are Unconquerable.

Cincinnati, Oct. 28.—Rev. Henry Vanderwerp, of the Holland Reformed church, Cincinnati, is a personal friend of President Paul Kruger, of the Transvaal republic. He says the English, with a great army, may defeat the Boers but will never conquer them. In the end they will again establish themselves.

Hospital Ship Relief Reaches Manila.

Washington, Oct. 28.—News was received at the war department to-day of the arrival of the hospital ship Relief at Manila. She reported the disappearance at sea between Guam and Manila of Lieut. Robert D. Carmody, who is thought to have jumped overboard while delirious.

Boers Occupy Dundee.

London, Oct. 28.—An official message has been received saying the Boers have occupied Dundee. They looted the stores, but individuals were not harmed. The British wounded at Dundee are reported to be doing well under the care of Boer surgeons.

Joubert Sends a Message of Sympathy.

London, Oct. 28.—A special dispatch from Cape Town says Gen. Joubert, the Boer commander, has sent a message of sympathy to Lady Symons, widow of Gen. Symons.