KNOWLEDGE TOO INDEFINITE.

The President Will Not Decide Upon a Permanent Policy for the Philippines Until the Commission Reports.

Washington, March 25.—The administration will not decide upon its permanent policy respecting the Philippines until the Schurman commission reports. It feels that its present knowledge is too indefinite as a basis for a fixed policy. Moreover, an immediate decision is felt to be needless, since, for the present, the only problem is the restoration of law and order and the establishment of stable and peaceful conditions. This and the appointment of a diplomatic representative at Madrid are two of the most important matters remaining open. The Madrid mission probably will be raised to an embassy soon after payment of the $20,000,000 indemnity, and a man of the highest qualifications and attainments chosen for this delegate and important post. Gen. Woodford may not be the new envoy, owing to the fact that New York already has such an undue proportion of the highest diplomatic appointments.

More Troops May Be Needed.

Washington, March 25.—War department officials now reluctantly admit that at least 50,000 troops are needed in the Philippines to repress the insurgents, restore order and establish the authority of the United States throughout the archipelago. It is intimated that to provide this force and maintain a sufficient reserve it will probably be necessary to organize the emergency volunteer force of 35,000 men provided for in the army organization act.

Would Make Them Physicians.

Chicago, March 25.—If a plan that the officers of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road are now considering is adopted every employe of the company will become in a small way a physician and a nurse. It is the intention to start a systematic course of instruction in the first principles of surgery and nursing among the men engaged in the train service—a course that when thoroughly mastered will enable an employe to render valuable first aid to the injured.

Zinc Production in 1898.

Washington, March 25.—The United States geological survey, in its annual report on the production of zinc in 1898, announces that last year, generally speaking, was a good one for the industry. Ore prices rose rapidly, bringing activity and prosperity to the miners of southwest Missouri and southeast Kansas. The apparent home consumption of spelter was 109,267 short tons. The production was 115,399 short tons.

Bad Fire in Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., March 25.—Fire broke out early yesterday in the japanning department of the big Dangler Stove and Manufacturing company's plant on Perkins avenue and, notwithstanding the enormous quantity of water poured into the building by 15 engines, the structure, filled with valuable machinery and large quantities of manufactured goods, was practically destroyed. The loss is $450,000.

Free Admission of Binding Twine.

Washington, March 25.—The secretary of the treasury has issued an order for the free admission of binding twine to the United States from Canada. This is because of the fact that the new Canadian tariff puts binding twine on the free list when imported into that country and our tariff law only imposes a duty on the twine when imported from countries which make the article dutiable.

Something Else to Think About.

Washington, March 25.—Mail reports have been received from Manila by the subsistence bureau of the war department, saying that the supplies sent from the United States, including all kinds of vegetables, arrived in good condition. There is little or no complaint among the troops, say the reports, the men having something else to think about.

Salaries of Fourth-Class Postmasters.

Washington, March 25.—Comptroller Tracewell, of the treasury, yesterday announced a decision which will affect the salaries of many fourth-class postmasters throughout the country. The decision has the effect of continuing the payment to them of the amount allowed under the old law for the cancellation of stamps on newspapers and periodicals.

Was a Cousin of McKinley.

Abilene, Kan., March 25.—Word has been received here of the death at Kingfisher, Ok., of William McKinley, a former resident of this county, and a daughter, who was buried the same day. Pneumonia caused the deaths. Mr. McKinley was postmaster at Kingfisher and was a second cousin of the president.

No Mention of Eagan's Punishment.

Washington, March 25.—Interesting facts concerning the army are contained in the army register for 1899. The new register still places Brig. Gen. Eagan at the head of the commissary department and no mention of his military punishment appears in the volume.

Four Deaths in a Memphis Fire.

Memphis, Tenn., March 25.—In a fire yesterday morning at Mrs. F. B. Nolen's boarding house, at 104 Court street, there was a property loss of not more than $2,500, but four lives were lost and six people were more or less seriously injured.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

John Gilbert Pleads Guilty to Murdering His Wife and Four Children with a Hatchet.

Clay Center, Kan., March 24.—John Gilbert, who brutally killed his wife and four children with a hatchet on the night of February 28, at his home near Industry, was sentenced to death yesterday. He was arraigned Wednesday and pleaded not guilty. Yesterday afternoon Gilbert called his attorney to him and told him that he intended to withdraw his plea and enter one of "guilty." Nothing could dissuade him from his purpose, even after the full significance of the action was was explained to him.

Several witnesses, however, were put on the stand by order of the court, to testify as to the present mental condition of Gilbert. There was no question as to sanity and the court passed the sentence of death after one year in the penitentiary. There was no demonstration of any sort on the part of the very large crowd.

The Fight to Come Off at Coney Island.

New York, March 24.—William A. Brady and Martin Julian, on behalf of Jim Jeffries and Bob Fitzsimmons, have agreed to accept the bid of the Coney Island Athletic club for a 25-round contest between these two heavyweight pugilists. The contest will take place on May 26. George Siler, of Chicago, has been mutually agreed upon as referee. The offer made by the club is a purse of $20,000 and the picture privilege to be divided between the two principals and the club, each receiving one-third.

The Windsor Hotel Fire Record.

New York, March 24.—Nineteen dead and 34 missing is the record so far of the Windsor hotel fire on Friday last. One more body was found yesterday. This brings the list of unknown dead to nine. The fragments were dug up about 25 feet west of the annex on the Forty-seventh street side, in a part of the ruins where no other bodies or bones have been found. The remains consist simply of a portion of a spinal column with some ribs attached, a piece of the skull and some small bones and charred flesh.

For a New Lincoln Monument.

Springfield, Ill., March 24.—The Lincoln monument, which now stands just north of Springfield within the inclosure of Oak Ridge cemetery, may be torn down and a new one erected on another site. It is in a state of decay, and a bill was introduced in the house yesterday proposing the erection of a new monument in the central part of the city, at a cost of $500,000. The legislator who introduced the bill said the present monument was "inadequate as a memorial to the greatest American."

Horrors of Starvation in Russia.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—The newspapers of the city publish pitiable accounts of the condition of the so-called famine districts of Russia, especially Samara, in the eastern part of European Russia. The consumption of all kinds of garbage has produced an epidemic of terrible mortality, with typhus, scurvy and other pestilential diseases. The peasants are compelled to sell everything and are living in cold, damp and filthy cabins. Weakened by hunger, they fall ready victims to typhus and acute scurvy.

McKinley May Come West.

Washington, March 24.—It is now believed that President McKinley will take an extended vacation this summer if public business will permit. Last spring he wanted to make a trip through the west, visiting Yellowstone park and going as far as the Pacific coast, and he may see his way clear to take that trip this summer. He has been invited to attend the Transmississippi Commercial congress at Wichita, Kan., in August.

Proposition to Divide Cuba.

Washington, March 24.—While in Cuba Secretary Alger will act upon the proposition to divide Cuba into four military departments. This has been under consideration in the department for some time. If it is determined to do so, after consultation with Gen. Brooke, Secretary Alger will telegraph to Gen. Corbin to that effect and the necessary orders will be issued from Washington.

Believes the Pope's End Near.

Washington, March 24.—Mgr. Martinelli, the apostolic delegate to the United States, is in constant receipt of news from private sources in Rome concerning the pope's health. The delegate believes that the advanced age of the pope renders it extremely probable that the end cannot be far off, notwithstanding that the latest news is more encouraging than previous reports.

Valuable Horse Put to Death.

Lexington, Ky., March 24.—The American thoroughbred stallion Hanover, 14 years old, was put to death today by chloroform. Gangrene of the left fore foot, the result of killing of the nerves in it while racing, rendered the destruction of the horse necessary. Milton Young declined offers of $65,000 and $75,000 for him.

Women Want the Franchise.

Guthrie, Ok., March 24.—The woman suffragists of Oklahoma are still anxious to be given the privileges of franchise and already have inaugurated a campaign to secure the passage of a bill at the next session of the assembly. They are greatly encouraged over the showing this year.

Days of the Horse Numbered.

The greatest electrician in the world declares that the days of the horse are numbered, and that in a short time electricity will completely supplant man's most useful animal. In 20 years, he asserts, the horse will be a curiosity. Diseases of the stomach, liver, kidneys and blood would also be a curiosity if all sufferers would take Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. There would then be practically no dyspepsia, nervousness, sleeplessness, indigestion, constipation, malarial fever or ague.

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THE GENERAL MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 28			
CATTLE—Best beeves	$4 50	@	5 20
Stockers	4 00	@	5 25
Native cows	2 60	@	3 75
HOGS—Choice to heavy	2 10	@	3 72½
SHEEP—Fair to choice	3 00	@	4 30
WHEAT—No. 2 red	73	@	76½
No. 2 hard	64½	@	67¼
CORN—No. 2 mixed	32½	@	32¾
OATS—No. 2 mixed	28	@	28½
RYE—No. 2	52½	@	53
FLOUR—Patent, per bbl	3 35	@	3 50
Fancy	2 70	@	2 90
HAY—Choice timothy	7 00	@	7 50
Fancy prairie	7 00	@	7 50
BRAN (sacked)	60	@	61
BUTTER—Choice creamery	17	@	20
CHEESE—Full cream	9	@	10
EGGS—Choice	10½	@	11
POTATOES	45	@	75
ST. LOUIS.			
CATTLE—Native and shipping	4 25	@	5 50
Texans	2 25	@	4 90
HOGS—Heavy	3 70	@	3 85
SHEEP—Fair to choice	2 50	@	4 75
FLOUR—Choice	3 55	@	3 65
WHEAT—No. 2 red	73	@	74¼
CORN—No. 2 mixed	34½	@	35
OATS—No. 2 mixed	27½	@	28
RYE—No. 2	56	@	57
BUTTER—Creamery	17	@	22
LARD—Western mess	5 05	@	5 15
PORK	8 37½	@	9 25
CHICAGO.			
CATTLE—Common to prime	4 60	@	5 65
HOGS—Packing and shipping	3 55	@	3 92½
SHEEP—Fair to choice	3 25	@	5 00
FLOUR—Winter wheat	3 50	@	3 60
WHEAT—No. 2 red	72	@	72¾
CORN—No. 2	35	@	35¾
OATS—No. 2	27½	@	28
RYE	53	@	53½
BUTTER—Creamery	14	@	21
LARD	5 05	@	5 20
PORK	8 95	@	9 00
NEW YORK.			
CATTLE—Native steers	4 80	@	5 65
HOGS—Good to choice	4 10	@	4 25
SHEEP—Common to choice	3 50	@	4 50
WHEAT—No. 2 red	82	@	82½
CORN—No. 2	42½	@	42¾
OATS—No. 2	32½	@	33
BUTTER	15	@	20

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