

WHAT MILES ASKED.

President Makes Public the General's Philippine Plan.

His Scheme Was to Conciliate Instead of to Shoot—Wanted to Bring a Lot of Filipinos to Washington to Talk Things Over.

Washington, March 31.—The president Saturday sent to the house of representatives the correspondence and papers bearing upon the request of Lieut. Gen. Miles to be assigned to duty in the Philippines. The papers were sent to the house in response to a resolution introduced by Mr. Burleson, of Texas, and passed by that body. They are as follows:

Headquarters of the Army, Washington, February 17, 1902.

The Honorable Secretary of War:

Sir—I have the honor to invite attention to a subject that I have had under consideration for several months and to request that this letter be laid before the president. It is now three years since the opening of hostilities between the United States' forces and those in the Philippine islands, and this warfare has been conducted with marked severity. More than 130,000 United States troops have been at different times sent or are now under orders to go to the Philippines and more than \$6,000,000 still remain on duty there, which service, with the assistance of the naval forces, involves an enormous expenditure of public money as well as the loss of many valuable lives.

During the past century thousands of Indians have been called to the capital for consultation and council, and I have, under authority, sent to Washington many red-handed representatives of different tribes of Indians, the result of which has been a reconciliation, a restoration of confidence, the prevention of war, and the establishment and continuance of peace within the states and territories.

Our friendly relations with the people of Cuba and Porto Rico have been largely promoted by consultation with the representatives of those islands here in Washington both before hostilities occurred, during the Spanish war, and since; and I have never found any people, whether savages, semi-civilized or civilized, who were not benefited by candid, frank, and honest consultation and council.

In view of the above considerations, I make the request that I be authorized to proceed to the Philippine islands, taking with me ten men, whom I may select from Cuba and Porto Rico, whose assistance has been found useful in promoting friendly relations between the people of those islands and the United States, and who could probably explain to the Filipinos the benefits their people have derived through friendly relations with this country, and while there to give such directions as I may deem advisable and judicious for the best disposition of the United States military forces, to the end that they may occupy the most healthful and strategic positions, with due regard to economy and be afforded the greatest comfort and benefit; also to take such measures as will tend to restore, as far as possible, confidence to the people of those islands, and demonstrate that the purpose of our government is promoted by the highest sense of justice; and that on returning be authorized to bring to the capital such manner of representative Filipinos as I may think advisable, in order that they may see and know the advantages of our civilization and realize the disposition of our government toward them, at the same time affording an opportunity for a full consultation, whereby intelligent and definite action may be taken concerning their future destiny. It is confidently believed that such measures could then be taken as would be satisfactory and beneficial to the 10,000,000 of inhabitants of the Philippine islands and highly creditable to our government.

Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, Commanding U. S. Army.

CROKER SELLING MILK.

Ex-Tammany Leader on His English Farm Is Supplying Dairy Products to American Steamers.

London, March 30.—Richard Croker, who has gone into the dairy business, called a meeting of the farmers of the Wantage district and offered them London prices for all milk delivered at the Moat House creamery. It was explained to the farmers that Mr. Croker will require at least 2,000 gallons of milk daily, beginning June 1. He has secured the contract to supply milk, cream and butter to an American line of steamers.

JONES PROBABLY BEATEN.

Chairman of Democratic National Committee May Be Succeeded as Senator by Ex-Gov. Clarke, of Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark., March 31.—Additional returns from a majority of the counties indicate a victory for ex-Gov. James P. Clarke for United States senator over Senator James K. Jones, though his majority on joint ballot probably will not exceed 12. Complete returns are not yet in and in several of the large counties the vote is so close official count is awaited. Senator Jones will not concede Clarke's victory.

BURNED AT THE STAKE.

An Infuriated Mob Takes Terrible Vengeance on a Negro Who Attacked a Man and His Mother.

Savannah, Ga., March 31.—Richard Young, one of the negroes accused by young Dower Fountain in his dying statement of having attacked himself and mother on the Ogeechee road, three miles from Savannah, was caught by infuriated residents of the district and burned at the stake.

CUBAN RECIPROcity BILL.

Hostile Republican Members of the House Ways and Means Committee Confer About Defeating the Measure.

Washington, April 1.—Following the action of the ways and means committee in the Cuban reciprocity bill, the republican members who oppose the bill held a conference in the committee room of Representative W. A. Smith, of Michigan. About 30 members were present, representing the various states interested in beet sugar production. No formal action was taken, but the discussion was in the line of continuing the contest on the floor of the house. It is expected, however, that the opposition will be from members individually, rather than from a compact and organized opposition.

After the meeting it was claimed by those present that about 30 republicans would speak and vote against the bill. The ways and means leaders feel confident that the bill will pass, probably by republican votes. In any event there is said to be more than sufficient democratic support of the bill to offset the republican defection.

ANOTHER MINE DISASTER.

Coal Dust Ignited and Twenty-Two Men Were Killed in the Nelson Plant Near Dayton, Tenn.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 1.—At 4:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon an explosion of gas in the Nelson mine of the Dayton Coal and Iron company at Dayton, Tenn., ignited the dry coal dust in the mine and caused a terrific explosion. Twenty-two men are known to be dead. Eleven bodies have been recovered and more bodies are still in the mine.

WITH A WOODEN KEY.

Six Prisoners Escaped from St. Louis Workhouse After Ten Hours' Work Breaking Their Shackles.

St. Louis, April 1.—By means of a wooden key, six prisoners escaped from the workhouse early Monday after ten hours' work in breaking their shackles and opening the inner and outer doors of their cells. The escaped men, three of them still wearing chains, climbed the rear fence of the workhouse grounds and took a skiff to the Illinois side of the Mississippi.

POISONED BY PTOMAIN-INFECTED MILK.

Nelson, Neb., April 1.—A family of four, composed of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Adamson and a son and daughter, aged respectively five and three years, were poisoned Sunday by using ptomaine-infected milk. The girl is dead and the three other members of the family are in a critical condition. The milk is supposed to have become tainted by the cows eating hay with which was mixed a poison weed.

MISSOURI TREASURER'S REPORT.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 1.—State Treasurer R. P. Williams yesterday filed his report of the condition of the state treasury with the governor as follows: Balance on hand February 28, \$2,679,170.05; receipts of March, including transfers, \$597,343.63; disbursements during March, including transfers, \$1,058,236.94; balance on hand March 31, \$2,218,276.74.

CONVICT PATRICK MARRIED IN THE TOMBS.

New York, April 1.—Albert T. Patrick, who was convicted of the murder of Millionaire William M. Rice, and Mrs. Addie M. Francis, with whom Patrick boarded up to the time of his arrest, were married in the Tombs Sunday. The marriage was made by contract in accordance with a law passed by the legislature of this state in 1891.

FORGAVE HER THIEVING SONS.

Beatrice, Neb., April 1.—William and Frank Skrabal, who robbed their mother, Mrs. Josephine Skrabal, of \$2,700 buried in a chicken coop, waived preliminary hearing. They were bound over under \$1,000 bonds each. The mother went on the bonds. The case probably will never come to trial, as it is being compromised.

A "LADIES' REST" FOR LEAVENWORTH.

Leavenworth, Kan., April 1.—Mrs. William Small, a wealthy Leavenworth widow, has given \$50,000 to build a ladies' rest in this city. The building will be completed this year. Mrs. Small's husband was a pioneer merchant of Leavenworth and the building will be a memorial to him.

A BIGAMIST GIVEN THREE YEARS.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 1.—C. C. Nelson, charged with bigamy, yesterday pleaded guilty to having three wives and was sentenced in the criminal court to three years in the penitentiary. It is known that Nelson has 13 living wives.

BIG FIRE AT HUTCHINSON.

Hutchinson, Kan., April 1.—At three o'clock Sunday morning fire broke out in the big department store of P. Martin & Co. Goods to the value of \$100,000 were burned or spoiled by water.

AN AWFUL SLAUGHTER.

Chinese Officials Declare a Thousand People Were Killed in Recent Riots in a Chi Li Prefecture.

Pekin, March 31.—Chinese officials say that 1,000 people have been killed in riots at To Ming Fu, the southernmost prefecture of the province of Chi Li. This perhaps is an exaggeration, but the loss of life was undoubtedly great.

The riots were due to attempts of local officials to collect indemnities for the Catholics, as arranged between the officials and the priests.

PRIESTS HOLD AS CAPTIVES.

Pekin, March 30.—Gen. Chiang states that two priests are being held as hostages by the rebels near Chao Yang until 7,000 taels (\$5,000), which the rebels assert was collected from them by the church, is returned. It is asserted by the rebels that, in consideration of this money, the church promised them protection against an invasion by the allies or the French and Russians.

A BIG FIRE AT GUTHRIE.

The State Capital Printing Plant, Two Hotels, Livery Barn and General Merchandise Store in Ruins.

Guthrie, Ok., March 31.—Guthrie was visited yesterday by a \$350,000 fire and as a result the State Capital printing plant, the Hotel Capitol, the St. James hotel, the Cammack livery barn and the Richey general merchandise store are in ruins. Everything in the State Capital plant was destroyed, including 20 presses, machines of every kind, linotype machines, electric and steam heating systems, libraries and immense stocks of supplies. Frank H. Greer, the owner, states that the total loss is \$270,000. Not a thing but the mailing lists of the paper was saved. The loss in the other buildings will make the entire loss to the town fully \$350,000.

THE IRRIGATION BILL.

President Roosevelt Opposes Some of Its Provisions, Although He Approves of Its General Purposes.

Washington, March 31.—President Roosevelt, after a conference with western congressmen, stated his opposition to some of the provisions of the irrigation bill, now pending in the house. The president approved of the general purposes of the bill, but frankly said that he could not approve the measure as it now stands. He is especially opposed to the section providing for state control of the appropriation, distribution and use of the water from the irrigation canals. The president believes that federal supervision is essential, not only to success, but to fair and impartial distribution, altogether removed from political or other considerations.

A BATTLE ON THE RANGE.

Two Sheeppmen Dangerously Wounded and Eleven Hundred Sheep Killed by Cattlemen in Wyoming.

Salt Lake City, March 31.—A special to the Herald from Rock Springs, Wyo., gives some particulars of a battle on the range in the Upper Green river country between cattlemen and sheeppmen Saturday. Abe and Rowen Hill, sheeppmen, were dangerously wounded and were in a critical condition when the courier came out late Saturday night. Eleven hundred of their sheep were clubbed and shot to death. The Hill brothers shot but did not kill two cattlemen, whose names have not been learned. Several sheep herders were severely beaten by the cattlemen.

DEVASTATED BY FLOOD.

Harriman, Tenn., March 30.—Harriman was destroyed by the flood on account of overflow of the Emory river. The damage is estimated at \$250,000. It is reported that two lives were lost and many more are supposed to have been drowned. It is estimated that from 40 to 50 houses at Oakdale and Harriman were washed away.

JAMES R. GARFIELD ACCEPTS A POSITION.

Washington, March 31.—James R. Garfield, son of the late President Garfield, has accepted the position of civil service commissioner tendered him about ten days ago by President Roosevelt. He takes the place to be vacated on the 1st of April by Mr. William A. Rodenberg.

TO LOAD ENGLAND WITH WHEAT.

Portland, Ore., March 30.—Portland has more wheat afloat for the United Kingdom than ever before in the history of the port. There is now in passage between this city and Queens-town a fleet of 82 sailing vessels carrying approximately 8,000,000 bushels of wheat.

ANOTHER INSURGENT TROOP OF REBELLION.

Manila, March 31.—Rufino, who spent \$30,000 in his efforts to incite rebellion in the province of Misamis, island of Mindanao, now declares he is tired of rebellion and has offered to surrender with 75 rifles to the native constabulary.

WOULDN'T LET HIM LIVE.

Charles Woodward, a Wyoming Murderer Who Had Secured a Respite, Taken Out and Hanged.

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 29.—Charles Woodward, who was sentenced to be hanged at Casper, Wyo., Friday, for the murder of Sheriff Ricker, but in whose behalf a stay of execution was issued by the supreme court last Tuesday, was lynched at Casper Thursday night.

Under cover of darkness an organization was formed during the night. Crowds began to gather in the vicinity of the jail early in the evening. About three o'clock the mob descended on the jail and the leaders demanded the keys of the sheriff. He refused to give them up and the crowd then secured a number of sledges and hammers and beat down the jail door. Once inside the jail, a rope was quickly thrown around Woodward's neck and he was roughly dragged from the building. He was taken to the scaffold which had been erected for his legal execution. Someone pushed him onto the trap, but he gave a leap before the trap could be sprung and fell off from the gallows, hanging himself.

REMEMBERED ITS EMPLOYEES.

The Merchants' National Bank of Chicago Gives Checks to Its Clerks on Going Out of Business.

Chicago, March 29.—The Merchants' national bank, of this city, which will shortly go out of business, its interests being merged with those of the Corn Exchange national bank, yesterday presented its employes with farewell gifts. One employe of the bank, who had held his position for over 37 years, received a check for \$12,000, while the night watchman received one for \$1,000. Another employe found a check in his envelope for \$3,000 and the lowest amount of money given any clerk was \$50. That was awarded to a messenger boy who had served the institution only a few months. The size of the checks was proportionate to the length and value of the men's service.

RETALIATION THREATENED.

If Germany Continues to Exclude American Food Products This Country May Resort to Like Measures.

Washington, March 29.—At the cabinet meeting Friday Secretary of Agriculture Wilson made a statement regarding the discrimination by Germany against American food products, especially meats. He pointed out that the German analyses of these food products undoubtedly were very severe and indicated that if similar analyses were resorted to by American officials against German food products coming into the United States, millions of dollars' worth of German foods would be shut out of this country every year. The position taken by Secretary Wilson is regarded as a mild intimation to Germany that the present situation cannot continue.

TO SAVE HER HONOR.

At Las Vegas, N. M., Mrs. G. B. Walker Killed J. S. Judd, Recently from Topeka, Kan.

Las Vegas, N. M., March 29.—Yesterday afternoon Mrs. G. B. Walker shot and killed J. S. Judd in her rooms over Furlong's photograph gallery. Judd had gone to her rooms and tried, it is alleged, to assault her, she being alone at the time. Judd was an elderly man, 55 years of age, and came here from Topeka, Kan., a few months ago and was reputed to be a man of large means. Mrs. G. B. Walker, who did the shooting, is a health seeker. She is the wife of an Iowa farmer and came here from Miles, that state.

OSTEOPATHY OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED.

Columbus, O., March 29.—Osteopaths were given official recognition in Ohio yesterday by the passage of an act in the house. The bill provides for a committee to examine osteopathy and to regulate the practice of that system of curing human ills. They are not to be permitted to practice surgery or administer drugs.

PRISON FOR A ST. LOUIS BRIBER.

St. Louis, March 29.—Emil A. Mey senburg, member of the house of delegates, was convicted of bribery in connection with the Suburban street railway franchise legislation, after a trial lasting four days, and his punishment fixed at three years in the penitentiary.

MOTHER OF TEN CHILDREN AT 22.

Winsted, Conn., March 29.—Mrs. A. W. Lee, of Lee, Mass., a village just over the state line, has given birth to triplets, all of whom will live. During her seven years of married life Mrs. Lee, who is only 22 years old, has given birth to ten children.

BERLIN'S SLOW GROWTH.

Berlin, March 29.—A census of this city gives the population at 1,901,567. The increase in population during the last year is only 12,857, as against 42,493 for the preceding year.

DEATH OF CECIL RHODES.

Man Who Had for Years Handled Men, Millions and Empires Passed Away at Cape Town.

Cape Town, March 27.—Cecil Rhodes died peacefully at 5:57 p. m. He slept during the afternoon, but his breathing became more difficult and his strength perceptibly diminished until he passed away.

His death came as no great surprise. Whether it was due to his experiences during the long siege of Kimberly or the accumulated anxieties regarding the war in South Africa with its accompanying change of public feeling in England towards him, there is no doubt he was almost completely broken down within the last two years. Even his appearance changed. His once finely chiselled face had become bloated and his always huge frame filled out until he became so stout as to make walking a matter of difficulty. Except that he was more irritable and more dictatorial, there was no outward change in his method of handling men, millions and empires.

MILLERS' GIGANTIC COMBINE.

Federation of All State Associations Effected with a Capital of \$400,000,000—Not to Control Prices.

Chicago, March 27.—The final steps in the formation of the National Millers' federation, representing a total capital of \$400,000,000, and an annual output of 100,000,000 barrels, were taken at a meeting held here Wednesday. The federation is the national organization of the various state associations. Barney A. Eckert, of Chicago, is president. H. H. Hackney, of Kansas, is one of the directors. The first annual meeting will be held in Chicago June 11, 1902. President Eckert declared that the federation was not a combination for the control of prices, but for the purpose of furthering mutual interests and correcting abuses which he said had grown up during the past 20 years. He declared that the new federation should endeavor to extend the flour market by diplomatic commercial reciprocity treaties or otherwise.

A BAN ON DESERTERS.

President Roosevelt Declares They Will Receive No Mercy from Him—Reissuance of Thanks from Veterans.

Washington, March 27.—President Roosevelt declared Wednesday that so long as he is in office no deserter from the army or navy would find favor with him. The statement was made to Capt. Frank Bruner and Fred McDonough, of Lytle post, G. A. R., of Cincinnati, who handed him a set of resolutions from ex-union soldiers of Cincinnati condemning the restoration of deserters to the rolls and approving his course in vetoing certain bills recently passed by congress. They also arranged to present to the president at the next annual encampment of the G. A. R. the resolutions passed by Lytle post thanking him for the stand he has taken in giving preference to civil war veterans in the matter of appointments.

BUT DELAREY GOT AWAY.

London, March 27.—Incomplete reports of the result of the combined movement of British columns against Gen. Delarey have enabled Lord Kitchener to announce the capture of 135 prisoners, three 15-pounders, two pompons and quantities of stock, wagons, etc. Gen. Delarey appears to have successfully evaded Lord Kitchener's cordon at the offset.

HOW MISS HAGNER IS EMPLOYED.

Washington, March 27.—Civil service reformers have discovered what they believe to be a flagrant evasion of the law. Miss Isabelle Hagner is carried on the roll of the war department as a clerk at \$840 per annum. She is detailed away from her desk to serve as social private secretary for Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Root.

MORE ADDED TO THE PAY ROLL.

Kansas City, Mo., March 27.—The government has added 28 more rural mail carriers and 46 mail weighers to the pay roll of the Kansas City post office, which has become the pay office for nearly all branches of the postal service in Missouri and Kansas. The pay roll now exceeds \$700,000 annually.

GEN. FUNSTON GOES TO SAN FRANCISCO.

Kansas City, Mo., March 27.—Gen. Frederick Funston left Wednesday for San Francisco. He will bring his wife and baby to Denver, Col., immediately and there assume command of the Department of the Colorado.

KILLED A MAN WITH HIS FISTS.

St. Joseph, Mo., March 27.—Louis Kemp, a bartender, killed T. J. Dill with his fists. Kemp escaped to the home of his father, nine miles in the country, and was found there by officers.

MISS STONE EN ROUTE HOME.

Salonica, Roumania, March 27.—Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, has started for London. Thence she will sail for America.