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BLOCKED THE CHANNEL

Filipinos Are Unceasingly Active Day and Night.

Order is Maintained, Although It Is Sometimes Necessary to Shoot the Offenders—Public Opinion in Havana Somewhat Affected by Change of Annexationist Papers.

MANILA, Jan. 12.—The situation at Iloilo is unchanged. The Filipinos are unceasingly active day and night. On Saturday they loaded some lighters with rock and sank them at the entrance of river, blocking the channel for all vessels with the exception of launches. The lights have been extinguished. Order, however, is maintained with severity and offenders are promptly shot.

On Sunday one of the Arizona's was manned by soldiers, was carried to a beach and to Quezon Island. The attempt to land there failed and the natives assembled on the beach and compelled the Americans to retire.

The Filipinos refuse to have any dealings with the Americans. Vegetables and fruit are not obtainable, business is suspended and the warehouses are filled with rotting sugar.

At Manila the situation is quiet, but position is possible in spite of the unyielding attitude of the Filipinos.

It is reported that the rebel government at Manila is willing that the Americans should establish a protectorate on the condition that they promise to give the Filipinos full independence in a stated period. It is also stated that the Filipinos will demand official recognition.

Efforts are being made to bring about another conference with the rebels. The educated Filipinos are anxious to avoid trouble and it is hoped that the militant Filipinos will recede before wiser counsel. In the meantime the tension is extreme on both sides.

HONG KONG, Jan. 12.—The Filipinos here say that ten American volunteers jumped overboard from the transports bound from Manila to Iloilo, swam ashore and said they had not volunteered to fight Filipinos. The report is not confirmed.

COMES OUT FOR FREE CUBA.
HAVANA, Jan. 12.—The Diario de la Marina, representing extreme pro-Spanish opinion and interests in Cuba, a paper heretofore strongly annexationist, has come out squarely for free Cuba. This action, it is explained, is the result of several important meetings of the principal Spanish land owners and business men in Havana. The exemplary behavior of the Cuban army was commented on. Leading Cubans were consulted with. Spaniards and their former enemies agreed to drop the hatchet and stand together for self-government.

Gomez's speech at Caibarien, urging unity, and his order to keep the Cuban army under organized discipline to prevent the troops from scattering into brigandage, have had much to do with bringing the Spanish element to look with favor upon free Cuba. Cuban soldiers are unpaid, poorly fed and dissatisfied. If turned loose they would take to the woods and resume guerrilla warfare.

With the ultra-Spaniards and the Cubans united the Diario de la Marina does not see much further need of American troops in Havana or Cuba. It says that the Spaniards understand the Cuban leaders. The Cubans, it claims, have demonstrated their ability to preserve order, as they have been in undisputed control of 98 per cent of the Cuban towns. This present evacuation, it is argued, annihilates annexation.

Governor General Brooke has been carefully considering the formation of a cabinet of civil advisers and has decided to have four secretaries—the first, of state and government; the second, of finance; the third, of justice and public instruction; and the fourth, of agriculture, industry, commerce and public works. Only prominent residents of the island will be invited to join the cabinet. The governor general received acceptances from two, whose names are reserved until all four can be announced. One of the other two may be a Spaniard, though it is probable that all four will be Cubans. They will be experts in the various departments which they will advise.

RECALL TROOPS FROM PANA.
PANA, Ill., Jan. 12.—Governor Tanner has notified Sheriff Downey and Lieutenant Colonel Frank Wells, who have charge of the coal miners' strike situation and command of the state militia post here, of his intention at an early date to recall all troops, leaving matters entirely in control of Sheriff Downey and his deputies. Governor Tanner, it is stated, gives as his reason for recalling the soldiers that the coal operators have had ample time to amicably adjust the differences with the miners, and as there seems to be no trouble imminent he sees no need for further retaining the troops there. Operators and their friends anticipate trouble after the troops depart, but Sheriff Downey says no matter what results he will be able to control the situation.

Insure in the German American. Fred Ebinger, Agent.

A GREAT FRENCH ETCHER.

Would Have Been a Fine Painter but for Color Blindness.

Charles Meryon—born in 1821—was brought up to the navy, going first in 1837 to the naval school at Brest, says Pall Mall Gazette. As a youth, he sailed round the world, at any rate, at Athens; touched at the then savage coasts of New Zealand; made sketches, a few of which, in days when most of his greater work was done, he used as material for some of his etchings. Art even then occupied him, and deeply interested as he soon got to be in it, he seems to have had a notion that it was less dignified than the profession of the navy, and after awhile he chose deliberately the less dignified—because it was the less dignified. He would have us believe so, at any rate; he wished his father to believe so. And in 1845, having served creditably and become a lieutenant, he resigned his commission. A painter he could not be. The gods, who had given him, even in his youth, a poetic vision and a firmness of hand, had denied him the true sight of color; and I remember seeing hanging up in the salon of M. Hurty, who knew him, a large, impressive pastel of a ship cleaving her way through wide, deep waters, and the sea was red and the sunset sky was green, for Meryon was color blind. He would have to be an engraver. He entered the workshop of one M. Bliery, to whom in after times, as his work was, he engraved some verses of his writing—appreciative verses, sincere and unfinished—"a toi, Bliery, mon maitre." The etchings of Zeeman, the Dutchman, gave him the desire to etch. He copied with freedom and interest several of Zeeman's neat little plates, and addressed him with praises, on another little copper, like the one to Bliery—"a Zeeman, peintre des matelots."

NORTHERN FUR COMPANIES

The Employees Were Lads Born in the Scotch Highlands.

Latterly all the employees of the Hudson Bay company were caught young; only lads born in the solitudes of the highlands could habituate themselves to the life of loneliness; only constitutions of iron, hardened under hereditary conditions, could endure so tremendous a strain, says Blackwood's Magazine. It was essential that the brain power of the factors should be unimpaired, and that their energies should rise superior to the depressing surroundings—in fact, that the man must be all there when a sudden call was made on his mental resources. It may be assumed that the first adventurers consisted chiefly of Englishmen, although the Scotch invasion of England had set in with the accession of King James. But it is certain that afterwards, both with the Hudson Bay company its great Canadian rival, the names of factors, traders and prominent partisans, with scarcely an exception, were Scottish. The story of trade and discovery in the northwest reads like a muster roll of the clans, and mainly of the northern clans of the second order. There are MacTavishes, MacGillivrays, McKays, McLellans, McDougalls with Frasers and Stuarts and the French Froshers. A Mackenzie, a Fraser, and a Thompson gave their names to as many mighty rivers. That came in the natural course of things. The company found its best recruiting grounds in the highlands, and enlisted the martial spirit of the mountaineers for a country where local feuds were forbidden.

USES GOLF HOSE FOR LEGGINGS

She Says They Beat the Others All Hollow.

Now that winter really seems to have arrived the girl of the period has turned her attention to something that will keep her warm and at the same time look neat and not in the least bunglesome. Gaiters are so decidedly out of style and make her foot look large, besides have large buttons up the side, that invariably catch in the skirts and ruin many a dainty silk petticoat, that women no longer wear them. The long, closely-knit, wool tights that reigned for so many winters are so much trouble, if a girl is in a great hurry, and a Chicago girl usually is, so she has discarded the tights. Attention was turned to the old-fashioned leggings that our grandmothers were wont to wear in cold weather. But that was before the advent of the bicycle and many other accessories to a girl's comfort and pleasure, and the leggings are so clumsy and not in the least dainty. So the up-to-date maiden has invented a new contrivance for the golf hose. She purchases those without feet and pulls them on over her stockings to take the place of leggings, tights and gaiters. They are comfortable, look well and are tight enough to stay up without guards of any sort.

Power of a Pound of Coal.

A curious and interesting calculation has been made on the dynamic power of coal.

From this we learn that a single pound of good steam coal has within it dynamic power equal to the work of one man for one day. Three tons of the same coal represent a man's labor for a period of twenty years, and one square mile of a seam of coal, having a depth of four feet only, represents as much work as 1,000,000 men can perform in twenty years. Such calculations as the above may serve to remind us how valuable a commodity coal really is.

Purest Lives.

The purest lives I have known have not been those carefully screened from the world, but which, coming up in it have kept themselves unspotted. The sweetest, and truest have grown and ripened under conditions, you would say, most hostile, but which have been wrought into the means of a grandly elevated faith and life.—J. F. W. Ware.

The "Letter Gae."

The leader of psalmody, or precentor, in the church of Scotland used to read from his desk in front of the pulpit the successive lines for congregational singing. He was the "letter gae"; i. e., he that let go or started the praise, and his desk was called the "letteron" (lecternum). Pitching his voice to the first note of each line he proceeded to chant the words in a slow, drawing monotone, prolonging the last syllable for a little, and then breaking, at the head of the congregation, into the music set to the words thus delivered. The effect of this would, no doubt, be frequently more curious and entertaining than edifying and solemn, and strange developments must occasionally have occurred. The position tested not only the musical qualifications but also the literary attainments of the leader, and there are passages in the metrical version of the Psalms as used in Scotland which must have put rural precentors on their mettle.—Notes and Queries.

And There Are Others.

At the time of the recent division of troops in Germany many cases of severe illness, particularly of typhoid fever, were reported in the encampments. The surgeons stated that these were due to the use of spoiled and health-destroying rations. The minister of war has ordered a rigid inspection, as a consequence, of all army supplies now in stock in the military warehouses. Besides that, an inspector, accompanied by a physician, will visit the canteen of every camp at odd times to inspect the food and drink.

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Who Gets the Buttons?

The wife of an English clergyman has made a collection of all the buttons placed in the offertory bags during the last two or three years, and has fastened them to cardboard in various cunning shapes of animals, birds and flowers. As a bazaar is shortly to take place in connection with the church she has had these button pictures photographed, and copies will be on sale at the exhibition.

\$100 for Letters About Nebraska.

The Burlington Route (B. & M. R. R.) offers thirteen prizes ranging from \$5 to \$25, and aggregating one hundred dollars for thirteen letters, which, in the opinion of a competent committee, are best calculated to encourage immigration to Nebraska.

Every contestant, whether or not his contribution is awarded a prize, will receive the "Corn Belt," a sixteen-page monthly publication, for six months, free of charge. The contest is open to all. Details can be obtained by addressing J. Francis, G. P. A., Burlington Route, Omaha, Neb.

Asks Meryon to Get Him a Wife.

Mayor Harrison of Chicago thinks it may be profitable to organize a matrimonial bureau in connection with his office. He received the following from Kansas City: "Have you any of the sex will answer I want to marry somebody of 25 to 30 years of age, fair looking, must exchange ref. Photos, have not less than \$2,500 in money. I am 30 good looking have an elegant home, country, dont use tobacco or whiskey, hand this to any daily & let them find out will marry at once if can find the rite kind of a chance. Must send photo with reply. Address me K-C-Mo. Address H. S. A."

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FORTIFIED MONASTERY.

Where the Monks Showed Contempt for British Attacks.

For a country the ruler of which holds such emphatic views on the subject of universal peace, Russia holds the strongest fortified institution in the world. It is the monastery of Solovetsk and if any military experts desire points as to the best method of protecting vital spots, they can do no better than pay a visit to this abode of monks and take a few lessons in practical defense from the practical brethren who live there. Granite bowlders form the chief protection. They are arranged in a formidable circle completely enclosing the monastery. At no point in the solid wall could the attacks of an enemy make an impression. The huge rocks make a line nearly a mile in circumference. It was during the period of the Crimean war that the strength of the fortifications was tested and proved. The walls and the towers held huge guns, and the men behind the guns knew their business, which was to pour a fire into the British White Sea squadron. The monastery, which consists of six churches, held a valuable store of precious stones and statuary. The monks did not remain inside during the shelling of their home, but coolly walked around the ledges of the granite walls to show their indifference to the work of the attacking forces. The monastery is a noted place, and it is estimated that the yearly number of pilgrims visiting it amounts to 10,000. Monks make the steamers which carry these crowds of men and women anxious to see the fortifications and the relics in the church.

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Indian Chiefs at Carlisle.

The Indian chiefs of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe tribes of Oklahoma, who recently paid a visit to the Indian school at Carlisle, Pa., attracted much attention there. The Cheyennes were dressed in their native costumes and all smoked cigarettes with evident enjoyment. The chiefs had been to Washington investigating and protesting against claims which they allege were fraudulent and trumped up against them by persons living on the borders of the Indian reservations, apparently because the claimants knew the Indians have money in the United States treasury.

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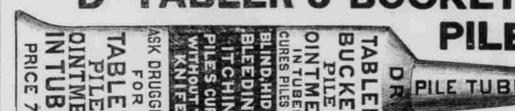
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