## The News Briefly Told.

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#### Saturday.

Commencing March 12, a 10 per cent increase of wages goes into effect at every department of the Riverside iron and steel plants in Wheeling, W. Va. About 3,000 men are affected.

The Spansh cabinet council decided to suppress the pensions of all former ministers. Senor Silvela, the premier, says the government has begun at the top in seeting an example of economy.

A dispatch received from Manila announces that the American authorities there have undertaken the protection of German interests, and that the cruiser Kaiserin Augusta has left Manila bay.

The Bombay correspondent of the Morning Post says: "The Bubonic plague is raging here with unparalleled severity. According to the of-ficial returns there were 972 deaths last week, but these ouite underrate the mortality.

In view of the failure of the senate to confirm the nomination of Rear Admiral Schley and Rear Admiral Sampson for advancement for heroic conduct in battle, speculations is rift in naval circles as to the action which will be taken by the department.

The London Daily Chronicle this morning publishes another installment of alleged revelations by Comte Ferdinand Walsin Esterhazy as to his relations with the French general staff. It adds but little to what was already known. Comte Esterhazy himself is in Paris.

The Pekin correspondent of the Lon-lon Times says: "Since the tsung li don Times says: yamen returned Italy's dispatch Sir Claude McDonald, Britsh minister to China, has presented a note supporting Italy's demand, and it is probable that Italy will now take possession of San Mun bay, encountering practically no resistance."

It is generally expected that in the annual convention of the Daughters of the Revolution at Philadelphia in April one of the principal topics of discussion will be the proposed consolida-tion of their organization with the Daughters of the American Revolution. For several years many efforts looking toward consolidation have been made, but have always failed because no mutual concession could be agreed upon.

#### Monday.

There is good reason to believe that the president will offer the position of librarian of congress to Herbert Pu:nam of Boston.

Because of the insulting maaner in which China refused Italy's request for a port at San Mun bay the Italian minister will not further communicate with the tsung li yamen.

Lloyd's agent at Singapore announces the arrival there of the United States transport Grant, which sailed from New York on January 19 with reinforcements of troops for the Philippine islands.

The president has pardoned Prof. Leroy Barrier, convicted in Minnesota in March, 1898, and sentenced to two years in prison and to pay a fine

of \$500 for sending obscene literature through the mails.

When the new state board of charities of Kansas investigated the insane asylum at Topeka it found four luna-

#### Wednesday.

All volunteers in Cuba are to be returned at once for muster out of service.

A Roman Catholic priest has been tortured and murdered by the Chinese near Ichang.

Telluride ore yielding \$18,978 to the ton has been found on the Colville reservation, Washington,

Two subscriptions of \$100,000 each and one of \$50,000 were received by the St. Louis world's fair committee.

Him Hall, champion of Australia defeated Charlie Lawler of Louisville, Ky., in ten rounds at Memphis, Tenn.

General Gomez held a conference with General Brooke about paying the Cuban soldiers. It is said the \$3,000,000 will be distributed in a fortnight.

The Quay faction of the Pennsylvania legislature neld a meeting at Harrisburg and 1s confident of reelecting its candidate.

The Kansas legislature has passed a law providing for manufacture of binding twine in the state penitentiary. Appropriation is made for machinery. Rudyard Kipling's health continues to mend slowly. Up to the present beef tea is the only diet, and nothing will be added until his condition will

permit. On the advice of the war department the treasury accounting officers have held up payment of about \$250,000 to the Atlantic Construction company on account of harbor improvement work performed at Cumberland Sound, Ga.

The secretary of the treasury has received from Superintendent Pritchett of the coast and geodetic survey a strong protest against the arrest of two officials of his department at New Orleans during the Mardi Gras festivities in February last,

Dr. Cabell Whitehead, assayer of the United States mint, has been tendered and accepted an important position in th service of the Turkish government. He will shortly depart for Constantinople to enter upon the duties of the office, which will be virtually that of director general of industries.

Thurston will remain Senator in the east for some time looking after matters having a direct bearing on the reorganization of the volunteer army under the bill which was recently approved by the president. Now that the approiation bills have been signed, there is a pressing demand for these measures, especially among holdover congressmen remaining in the city.

#### Thursday.

The Maine legislative judiciary committee has unfavorably reported a bill incorporating an ice trust, capitalized at \$60,000,000.

Attorney General Monnett of Ohio has filed demurrers to all the answers of the oil companies doing business in Ohio, he claiming that the state law is not unconstitutional.

The president has appointed Evan L. Barryte of Colorado, consul at Tunis and Cyrus S. Radford an assistant quartermaster of marine corps.

General Ludlow has cabled to the war department from Havana that the deaths in that city for February, 1899, are 51 per cent less than for February, 1898.

Wheaton's New Brigade Advances on the Enemy.

**INSURGENTS PLAN OF ATTACK FAILS** 

THE REBELS IN RETREAT

They Find It Safer and More Comfortable to Stay in Trenches-No Outbreak Is Apprehended in Manila-City Well Policed, but Presence of Women, However Is Discouraged-Work for the Twenty-Second.

MANILA, March 13.-General Wheaton's newly formed divisional brigade advanced at 7 a.m. from San edro Macati for the purpose of corralling the enemy. It is now moving on Pasig, meeting with but slight resistance.

The rebels are in full retreat. A gunboat is clearing the jungle along the river banks, which have been carried as far as Guadaloupe. The purpose of the move is to clear the country to Lagune de Bay.

The Filipinos apparently had planned an attack upon the lines of General Otis and General Hale this morning, but their courage seemed to fail them, though they fired signals and afterwards kept up the fusillade along the American front for an hour. Our troops, in obedience to orders, refrained from shooting, with the exception of two companies of newly arrived men, which replied until they had suppressed a regiment of Aguinaldo's Red brigade. This body of rebels seemed under better order than the others. A white man was seen among the officers, endeavoring to lead them to the attack, but apparently all efforts to induce them to leave the trenches were futile.

The American authorities in Manila say the city is now so effectually policed that a serious outbreak is impossible. They believe that the natives are cowed.

The presence of the families of officers is discouraged, and many are leaving on board the United States transports, some going to Japan for temporary residence. General Otis has has remarked: "Manila is no place tor women. This is a war, not a pic-Lic.

The British cruiser Narcissus bas sailed for various ports in the island of Luzon on a cruise to take on British subjects who desire protection:

This afternoon the Twentieth and Twenty-second infantry and several companies of the Oregon volunteers marched to San Pedro Macati to join volnunteers, seven companies of the Oregon volunteers, three troops of cavalry, mounted, and a battalion of light artillery.

to 82 degrees, many dropped from the legislature as candidate for United streets of Manila this morning. Brig- at his instance going to Mr. Allen and out of the jungles many miles inland

### SUDDENLY SUMMONED. Congressman Greene, of Nebraska, Dics in Omaha.

OMAHA, March 13 .- While on his way to the Burlington depot in a carriage Saturday evening Congressman W. L. Greene of the Sixth district died

suddenly of heart failure. With the congressman at the time were J. B. Donovan, F. B. Prince and J. C. Reeves, all residents of Madi ison in Madison county this state. Mr. Greene expired without a word or a moan, and the three gentlemen did not know of it until they left the carriage at the doorway of the depot. When removed from the vehicle no signs of life could be discerned by

those around him. He was borne to the opposite doorway leading out upon the platform, but at this point it became evident that he was either dead or desperately sick. He was then placed on the floor and a young medical student who was near at hand pronounced him dead. In the hope that he might still be

alive, word was at once sent to Dr. S. H. Smith, and his companions worked his arms backward and forward, but to no purpose. When it was certain that Congress-

man Greene was dead Coroner Swanson was informed and he went at once to the depot. He decided to hold an immediate investigation and a private room on the first floor of the depot was used for that purpose by the de-pot master. Meantime the body was removed to the coroner's undertaking establishment at Seventeenth and Cuming streets.

Coroner Swanson requested the men from Madison county to remain in the city until an inquest could be held. This they readily agreed to do, and returned to the Arcade hotel. Mr. Donovan then wired Senator Allen of Mr. Greene's death and the Burlington officials sent word to Kearney, the congressman's home.

Congressman Greene left Kearney Friday morning and arrived at the Arcade hotel in this city early Friday evening. He came to look after some business in South Omaha. This was concluded Saturday afternoon and he was on his way home when he died. William L. Greene of Kearney was born on a farm in Pike county, Indi-ana, October 3, 1849, and moved with his parents to Dubois county in the same state, where, during his early youth, he worked on a farm in the summer months and attended school in the winter thus acquring an edu-cation which fitted him to enter the academy at Ireland, Ind., which institution he attended for three years. He engaged in the profession of teaching, which vocation he followed until he began the study of law. In 1876 he was admitted to the bar in Bloomington, Ind., and began a successful practice in the Indiana courts. In 1883 he removed with his family to Kearney, where they now reside, and General Wheaton's new divisional brigade, which is to consist of the Twentieth and Twenty-second infan-try, eight companies of the Washinglawyer; in politics he was originally a democrat, but in 1890 he cast his lot with the popullst party, being one of the founders of that organization. In Although the rain which fell this 1892, without solicitation on his part, morning has cooled the temperature he was brought out before the state

# **DEWEY IS NOT YET DONE**

### He Is Not Likely to Rest Till the Fighting Is Over.



Driving Off the Tagals and Otis' Advance the Work in Hand-Navy Departmen Desirous That for the Good of the Service the Admiral Take Care of Hims If and Take Needed Rest.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11 .-The statement can be repeated on the authority of the navy department that Admiral Dewey will not be relieved at Manila until he chooses to make application for such relief. So far he has not given any intimation of a purpose to apply for relief in the immediate future and from the few declarations he has let fall the department has every reason to believe that he does not contemplate any such action.

Consequently there is no foundation for the story that Admiral Schley or any other admiral has been seelcted to take command of the Asiatic station. So far as the navy department is concerned the directing officials are not only willing but anxious that Dewey shall complete his task and they deprecate the circulation of such stories as those alleging that he is to be relieved, for the reason that by constant reiteration the impression might be conveyed to the admiral that the department would like to relieve him. In the case of a man of Dewey's punctilious feeling the mere suggestion, if he had the slightest reason to believe it had an official foundation, would be sufficient to induce him to apply immediately for relief rather than to embarras the department.

As Dewey himself fixed the limitation of his stay by the length of the task before him, it may be a matter of interest to record the belief of many naval officers that, after all, the end is almost within sight.

Dewey has established himself in Manila; he has assisted in the taking of Iloilo; he has sent forces to Cebu in connection with the army, also to Negros; the principal ports of the Philippines have all been taken over into American possession in large part through his co-operation with the army . There remain only a few ports of importance, notably Zamboango on Mindanao and perhaps one of the towns in the Sulu archipelago, to be occupied. Expeditions are now mov-ing in these directions and that branch of the work will soon be closed up.

There will remain only two features of the campaign to require Dewey': assistance. First, and near at hand. is the driving off of the Ttagals, under Aguinaldo, near Manila.

With Lawton landing this morning at Manila with his reinforcements and the other reinforcements expected soon General Otis' movement in force is near at hand. The navy will aid in this. Ships can be placed in proper positions on the shores of the bay of Manila to command the country for miles and by co-operation with the ranks, overcome by the heat. Sev- States senator and came within two army through the agency of the signal eral soldiers were sunstruck in the votes of being elected, his supporters corps the insurgents can be shelled corps the insurgents can be shelled tributed by the United States district

#### CIVILIANS TO GOVERN.

Military Government in Caba Will Likely Be Replaced.

WASHINGTON, March 11 .- The administration is contemplating a change in some features of the government of Cuba. It is probable that the military government will, to a certain extent, be replaced by civil government. The head of the government must of course continue military, but the change in contemplation is to have civilian officers in place of military men in the cabinet and subordinate positions.

It is believed that experts in different lines, such as finance and revenue and the management of much of the general business of the island and of the different municipalities, will get along more smoothly than the army officers, being brought up under strict military discipline, hold not only the statutes, but the army rules and regulations, as the guide in all things, while the civilian officers would hold the statutes as the supreme guide and endeavor to get along under them in the best manner possible and with more diplomacy than is possessed by the army men.

It is not known whether the contemplated change has reached a point further than discussion in the war department and with the president, but its advantages have been pointed out. and the authority of the government under control of the military government has been determined.

#### Appeal to the Legislatures.

BUFFALO, March 11 .- The following telegram, signed by Mayor Diehl, as chairman of the board of directors of the Pan-American Exposition company, and by the proprietors of ail Buffalo papers, has been sent to the governors of all states, the legislatures of which are known to be in session. The governors will be communicated with by mail:

We earnestly ask your assistance toward securing the passage of resolutions through your legislature enabling your state to erect buildings and make an exhibit at the Pan-American exposition, to be held at Buffalo on the Niagara frontier in 1901.

The federal government has appropriated \$500,000, our state \$500,000. Our citizens already rave raised \$1, 500,000.

Your enabling act can be made conditional upon its being an enterprise worthy of your state exhibit in your discretion: Your early legislative adjournment necessitates dispatch. Further particulars by mail.

#### Prizes for Dewey's Men

SAM FRANCISCO, March 11.-Geo. H. Holden of Washington, who returned from the Orient on the Hong Kong ship Maru, has in his possession 1,100 claims of the officers and men of Dewey's fleet for head money. The claims are to be filed with the court of claims in Washington for final action. The head money for Admiral Dewey and his officers and men will aggregate \$187,500, or \$100 per head for the 1,875 officers and men of Admiral Montejo's fleet. The prize money for the officers and men under Admiral Dewey will amount to \$400,000. plus the salvage of three vessels recently raised. The money will be discourts.

Speaking of Admiral Dewey Mr.

tics running the heating plant, while the men employed to do the work were sitting around a beer keg playing cards.

The war department has requested of the attorney general an official interpretation of the Foraker amendment to the army appropriation bill, prohibiting the granting of any "franchises or any concessions of whatever kind in Cuba, during the military oc-cupation thereof by the United States."

A telegram has been received at the Harvard college observatory from Prof. J. E. Keeler at Lick observatory stating that Swift's comet was observed by Hussey, March 4, at 63.56 Greenwich, mean time, in right ascension 2 hours, 48 minutes and 3 seconds and declination 27 degrees, 7 minutes and 32 seconds.

The commission of eleven members appointed by the republican members of the house by the representatives to prepare a financial measure for the next session of concress held a preliminary meeting in the room of the house commit<sup>t</sup> on judiciary. The · of the meeting was especial pur time and place when to decide .e work shall be begun. and at

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has been closed for a A con sugar factory at Fort 300-ton be . Scott, Kansas.

The seventy-second ballot has been taken for United States Senator in the legislature of California, but still there is no election.

The government in its various executive branches has already begun the work of carrying into effect legislation enacted by the recent congress.

William Jennings Bryan arrived at Fort Worth, Texas, and was enthusiastically received by 2,000 people. Ho will address the Texas legislature.

Assistant Secretary of War Melkle-John has made a public statement of customs receipts at ports on the island of Pretoria for the month of Januacy, 1899, aggregating \$117,481.

The republican city convention nominated Zina R. Carter for mayor at Chicago. Mr. Carter has served one term as president of the board of trade. He is a member of the drainage canal board.

The transport Thomas, formerly the Minnewaska, has arrived at Newoprt News from Santiago, having on board the Twenty-third Kansas, colored infantry, Lieutenant Colonel James Beck commanding.

Although no official information on that point has yet reached Washington, the authorities are confident that the new Spanish cabinet will secure the ratification of the peace treaty.

Baby's tooth set into a ring is the latest thing introduced into society by the doting and exclusive young mothers of New York's smart set. The first one is considered too precious to throw away.

The committee appointed by the republican house of representatives to formulate a financial measure for the consideration of next congress will meet at Atlanti City for the purpose of taking up the question, on April 15.

Emperor William and his family commemorated the anniversary yesterday of the death of the kaiser's grandfather, Emperor William the First, by depositing wreaths on the masoleum.

The design for the statue to he erected in Hollywood over the grave of Miss Winnie Davis, the "Daughter of the Confederacy," has been chosen and approved by Mrs. Davis. The design, which is by Zolvey of New York, is the figure of a sitting angel. General Ludlow has cabled that the deaths in Santiago for February, 1899, are 51 per cent less than for February, 1898.

Minister Sampson at Quito has reported to the state department that in the battle that ended the revolution in Ecuador 600 were killed and several hundred were mortally wounded and 400 prisoners taken.

The president has appointed George W. Garrett of Arkansas a commissioner to examine and classify lands within the land grant and indemnity land grant limits of the Northern Pacific Railroad company in the Missou la land district in Montana.

#### Friday.

According to a dispatch to the London Times from Sydney, N. S. W., no fewer than 200 persons perished in the hurricane on the north coast of that island.

A combination has been effected whereby all the leading shipbuilding plants on the lakes, except the Union Dry Dock company of Buffalo, are included in what will be known as the American Shipbuilding company.

Chief Quartermaster Lee of the department of the lakes will open bids March 30 for the erection of a large refrigerating plant and ice-making machine at Manila under the plans and specifications recently revised by experts.

The following statement has been issued, showing the total number of deaths reported to the adjutant general's office between May 1, 1898, and February 28, 1899; Killed in action. 329; died of wounds, 125; died of disease, 5,277; total, 5,731.

Companies D and F of the Tenth immunes were loyally welcomed by the colored people on their arrival in Washington. Captain Charles L. Beatty denounced as false the reports that the members of the regiment had fired on citizens and children.

In the house of commons the secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, answering a question, said the exports from the United Kingdom and Canada from July last to December 31 showed an increase of over 6 per cent, as a result of the preferential tariff. In pursuance of the administrative

nolicy of bringing home all the volunteer troops for muster-out in anticipation of the exchange of ratifications of the treaty of peace with Spain, orders were issued for the musterout at Savannah. Ga., of the One Hundred and Sixtieth regiment of the Indiana volunteer infantry now a Matanzas.

adier General Charles King has recovered from his indisposition and resumed command at the San Pedro Macati bridge. The enemy is very active north of the river, though not doing any firing just now.

In all probability the current week will see the beginning of an active campaign on a scale hitherto unknown to the Filipinos. For the last few days there has been unusual activity at headquarters and there is every indication of reorganization of the entire corps in the near future.

Since the arrival of the American reinforcements several changes have been made, the most important being the appointment of a divisional bri-gade under General Wheaton, consisting of the Twentieth and Twentysecond regulars, eight companies of the Washington and seven companies of the Oregon volunteers; three mounted troops of cavalry and a battalion of light artillery. All the troops have disembarked. A battalion of the Fourth regular infantry is already on the firing line, assigned to General MacArthur's division. The others have been hold in reserve and are encamped on the Luneta parade ground. A battalion of the Seventeen'h regulars has been assigned to provos: guard duty, relieving the Oregon vol-H to La a unteers.

#### Danger of a Rupture.

HAVANA, March 13 .- (New York World Cablegram.-It is now an open secret that the relations between General Fitzhugh Lee and General Brooke are not of the most amicable character. Several incidents have recently occurred indicating this. Among the officers of the Seventh army corps it is believed that little would be required to produce an open rupture. Lee's resignation has more than once been considered probable, it having been thought he would take this method to publicly mark his protest against what he feels to be the petty assumption of authority by the chief of the military government.

It now appears likely that General Lee will be removed from his present command and appointed military governor of Santa Clara province, with a regular army rank of brigadier gen-

General Brooke will shortly resign. His place as governor general will more than likely be taken by General .eonard Wood, now military governor of Santiago province.

#### Honor to the Dead Heroes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12 .-The secretary of war has sent the fellowing order to Major General Wesley Morritt at Governor's Island, New York:

"By direction of the president you will, upon the arrival of the Roamania with the remains of the authiers who were killed or have divi at Santiago and Porto Rico, fire a fitting salute, order all flags half-masted and detail a sufficient guard of hono; to the caskets taken off the shin and expressed to their former hones.

assuring that gentleman's election. In 1895 he was elected judge of the Twelfth judicial district. He was elected to the Fifty-fifth congress as a populist, receiving 19,378 votes against 14,841 for A. E. Cady and 436 votes for A. D. George, prohibition. In 1897 he was elected to the Fifty-sixth con-

gress over Norris Brown, republican. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13 .-The death of Representative Greene of Nebraska adds one more to an unusually prolific death list for the Fiftyfifth congress and created a painful impression, for while the late Nebraska member occupied a somewhat unique position as one of a party with comparatively small representation. his ability was generally recognized as far above the average and second to no populist on the floor of the house. OMAHA, March 13.-John T. Malia-lieu, Norris Brown, C. W. Hoxie, C. B.

Scott and Mayor D. B. Hostetler, all of Kearney, came in yesterday morning at 6:30 and left two hours later on the Union Pacific with the body of Congressman Greene who died suddenly at the Burlington depot Satur-

#### Greene's Remains at Home

day night.

KEARNEY, Neb., March 13 .- The remains of Congressman Greene arrived here yesterday in charge of an escort and were met at the depot by members of the Kearney bar and a large crowd of sympathizing citizens. A funeral procession of carriages several blocks in length followed the remains to the home of the tamily. The flags in public and private buillings are floating at half mast. The Kearney bar met and appoint 1 a committee to confer with the family in reference to the funeral arrangements and also a committee consisting of ex-Judges Gaslin, Hamer, Siaclair and Mr. Marston to draft resolutions of condolence to be presented at the session of court March 20. The funeral services will be held Tuesday at 3 o'clock at the residence of the deceased State officials, members of

#### **Casualties** of Revolution.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 13 -Minister Sampson at Quito has reported to the state department that in the battle that ended the revolution. in Ecuador 600 were killed and several hundred mortally wounded and 400 prisoners taken.

#### Kipling is Convalescing.

NEW YORK, March 13 .- Rudyard Kipling passed a restless night on account of suffering a good deal of pain. Today, however, he was mac's better. As yet no one outside his utendan's and his family has been peculite i to see him.

Today Mr. Kipling saw his two children for a short time. His little girl, Elsia, is now sufficiently recovered from her sickness to run about, although she has not yet been outside the hotel. The physiciaus have decided that within two weeks the patient will be well enough to remove to some pleasant spot

by the warships. The next and last feature of Dewey's

task will be the establishment of a close blockade to prevent munitions of war or supplies from reaching the insurgents, providing there are any insurgents remaining after Otis and Lawton have made their forward move. When this has been done, when there is nothing further in the way of fighting for the warships to do, it is believed that then Dewey's task probably will be regarded as finished by himself and will be time for the navy department to considder the question of a successor to the commander of the Asiatic station.

Admiral Dewey has been instructed to prescribe his own uniform for the rank to which he has been raised, although it is believed that he has not given much attention to the matters of uniform of late. His flag is blue with four stars set in the shape of a diamond. His uniform under former regulations when the navy had an admiral would be four stars on his shoulder straps, the end stars being on an anchor. On his sleeve he would wear two very broad bands of gold, between which would be a band of yellow half the width of the outside bands. The bands on the sleeve would extend nearly to the elbow. By a special act passed in the closing hours Admiral Dewey will receive the pay of the last general of the army.

#### Bryan Headed Homeward

DALLAS, Tex., March 11 .- W. J. Bryan completed his lecture tour at Dallas today. He addressed a packed opera house in the afternoon and spoke to about 500 laboring men at their hall tonight. His lecture was in opposition to territorial expansion, which he said would be checked by the American people lowering the stars and stripes in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine islands. His tour in Texas was in the nature of an ova-

#### Court to Sit in Omnha.

CHICAGO, March 11.-The army court of inquiry regarding the beef continued its work today at the stock yards, investigating packing house methods. It is expected that the taking of testimony will occupy Saturday and Monday and that the court will leave for Omaha or Kansas City Tuesday or Wednesday unless something develops to make a longer stay in Chicago imperative.

#### Influx of Japanese Laborers.

TACOMA, March 11.-Labor circles in the northwest are much agitated over reports which are received with general credence that hundreds of Japanese contract laborers are being brought into Puget Sound cities. Every month from 500 to 1,000 Japanese laborers are landed at Tacoma. Vancouver and Portland. Practically all pass inspection, the requirements of which are sound body and \$10 in cash. It is said that hundreds of these men are finding employment on various railroad lines.

Holden said: "While somewhat worried owing to the exacting dutics and responsibilities of his position, he said his health was good. He looked fairly well, too."

#### Agoncillo Still Expla'ning.

LONDON, March 11.-Senor Agoncillo, the agent of Aguinaldo, has recovered from the effects of the exposure to which he was subjected through the wrecking of the steamer Laborador on February 1, in which vessel he sailed from St. John, N. B., for Liverpool.

Commenting upon the Associated Press dispatch from Manila this morning saying that rebel incendiaries entered the village of Pandacan last night for the alleged purpose of terrorizing those of the inhabitants who do not sympathize with the rebellion. Agoncillo said that if this were true it means the Filipinos have advanced within the American lines.

He added, however, that it is absurd to say Filipinos are attacking or burning the place, as, he asserted. it is the center of the Filipinos' freemasons.

#### General Miller to Betire

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11 .-A change in the command of the United States forces at Iloilo will orcur on March 27, resulting from the retirement of General Marcus Miller. who on that date reaches the age limit of 64 years.

General Miller is in the regular ser vice, having been promoted only recently to the rank of brigadier general. If he were in the volunteer service his retirement would not be corrpulsory, a precedent to the contrary having been established in the case of several other general officers who held commands in the army during the Spanish war.

### Investigating Army Frauds.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 11 .-Major C. H. Hathaway of the United States army is in the city, being engaged in investigating the charges of fraud against the board that purchased the government cavalry horses here last spring. A number of horsemen with grievances have submitted statements. The major says that while some grounds for complaint doubtless exist, as yet no evidence has been secured that would justify the charge of actual fraud.

#### Assignment of the Chicago.

WASHINGTON, March 11 .- The Chicago has been detached from the squadron of Rear Admiral Sampson and has sailed from Havana to Hampton Roads. The Chicago is to become the flagship of Rear Admiral Henry L. Howison, who has been assigned to command the South Atlantic station in South America. This station was abandoned at the beginning of the Spanish war, the flagship at that time being the Newark. It and two gunboats were brought north to take part in the war.

## tion. congress and other prominent officials are expected.