

## FRAUD IS EVIDENT

Thievery Is Charged in Commissary Department of Army.

## A NEW SENSATION AT CITY OF MANILA

Plot Farreaching and Many Arrests Made—Prominent Officers Accused of Leading Scandalous and Immoral Lives—Other Important News.

Interest in the capture and fate of Aguinaldo is well nigh overshadowed at Manila by sensational developments, present and prospective, of frauds in the commissary department. How widely these extend has not yet been ascertained, but enough is already known to justify the belief that they are far-reaching.

Captain Frederick J. Barrows of the Thirtieth volunteers, quartermaster of the department of southern Luzon, together with seven commissary sergeants, several civilian clerks, a prominent government contractor, the assistant manager of the Hotel Oriente, the proprietors of three of the largest bakeries, a number of stockholders and other persons have been arrested. The investigation has scarcely begun, but thousands of sacks of flour, a quantity of bacon and wagon loads of other goods, all bearing government marks, have been found in the possession of unauthorized persons. It is alleged that the contractor in question, who has been doing a business approximating \$100,000 per month, has spent huge sums in entertaining officers.

A prominent commissary officer is accused of leading a scandalous and immoral life. It is asserted that a large quantity of stores have been lost or stolen in transit and also that there is a shortage in the commissary depot.

New scandals are developed daily. Illicit transactions have been traced back to June, 1900, and it is possible that there are others of earlier date. The exorbitant tariff on provisions makes the sale of commissary supplies immensely profitable.

It is understood that other officers may be arrested. Lieut. P. K. Sweet of the Forty-sixth volunteers is prosecuting the investigation, under the direction of Colonel Wilder.

Aguinaldo continues to express himself as pleased with and impressed by the courteous treatment accorded him by General MacArthur. "I am a prisoner," said he, "but I am treated like a guest."

## RETURN FROM PHILIPPINES

The Transport Logan Arrives at San Francisco.

The United States transport Logan has arrived at San Francisco, twenty-five days from Manila and nineteen days from Nagasaki. She had on board the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth infantry and eighty cabin passengers.

General Young and his staff were among the passengers. General Young is to relieve General Shafter as a commander of this division, General Shafter having been placed on the retired list.

The Thirty-third infantry left San Francisco about 1,300 strong, and it comes back with only 760 names on the muster roll. The Thirty-fourth also went out 1,300 strong and 811 of them came home. From 100 to 150 men of each regiment were discharged in Manila. The remainder succumbed to disease and Filipino bullets. Besides the cabin passengers and enlisted men the Logan brought ten members of the hospital corps, ten discharged civilians, ten discharged soldiers, six prisoners, and two mascots. In the hold of the Logan are the remains of 250 soldiers who died in the islands.

## BRYAN TO TRY A WEB.

The Commoner's Proprietor Will See What a Perfecting Press Will Do.

Beginning with the issue of April 7, 1901, William J. Bryan's paper, The Commoner, will be changed from an 8 to 12-page paper in size, and be printed on a Web Perfecting press, thus dispensing with flat-bed work. The Commoner has been issued from the first by the Lincoln branch of the Western Newspaper Union, and the work has been handled in a most satisfactory manner in all departments. Owing to the rapidity of a Web press, a fear exists of the possibility of maintaining the perfect standard of printing that has characterized The Commoner from the very first, and placed it among the up-to-date publications in point of mechanical effect. In the event the work is not satisfactory from a rapid press, Mr. Bryan will either install a plant of his own or go back to flat-bed work. In the latter event the Western Newspaper Union will again be designated.

## Powers Felt of Hope.

Ex-Secretary of State Caleb Powers of Kentucky, after reading the decision of the court of appeals granting him and Howard new trials, dictated an interview in which he said that he believes he will be acquitted on his next trial. James Howard had little to say.

## DALLAS HAS A BIG DELUGE

Storm of Wind and Rain Sweeps All Before It.

A heavy rain storm, accompanied by a high wind, prevailed at Dallas, Tex. The wind damaged roofs and blew down shrubbery, and the precipitation was so heavy that it formed torrents in the streets which swept everything before them. Street car traffic was delayed and a quarter of a mile of track in the southern portion of the city had to be abandoned. The damage in Dallas is estimated at \$250,000.

## DEADLOCK ON CLAIMS.

Legislature Wrangles Over Disputed Accounts in Claims Bill.

Sunday was spent by the legislature wrangling over a few items in the miscellaneous claims bill. A delay of this kind was unknown to the oldest legislator. The two houses failed to agree on many items but when evening came only three items aggregating \$5,157 remained unsettled. The two houses were still in deadlock over these items at 10:30 when the senate demanded that the bills be returned. This was made with the threat to kill the entire bill. This demand the house declined to obey. The senate declined to pay the disputed claims and the house insisted on payment. A new conference committee had been appointed by the senate, but the house insisted on retaining the committee.

"We intend to stay a week rather than allow unjust claims," was Senator Crouse's opinion expressed emphatically.

"It is customary for claimants to tire out the legislature," said Senator Martin, "but let us show them that they cannot do so."

The items in dispute included two relating to the services of appointees of the governor at expositions. Mr. and Mrs. Bostrom who attended the Atlanta exposition presented a claim for \$477. J. J. Butler who went to the Tennessee exposition asked for \$180. Miss Laura B. Taylor had been allowed \$1,500 by the conference committee in payment of salary due her father, who served as state weighmaster at Omaha several years ago. It was alleged that the fees of the officers were not sufficient to pay the salary named in the statute. On the other side the argument was used that the weighmaster was required to depend on fees, the salary being limited to a certain amount.

At midnight an agreement was reached. Miss Taylor was allowed \$1,000 and the claims of Butler and Bostrom were cut out.

## STRIKE IS AVERTED.

Hard Coal Miners Decide to Remain at Work.

The threatened strike of the 143,000 miners in the hard coal region will not take place. At a meeting of the executive committee of the mine workers of the three districts held recently it was decided that the men should continue work. This committee was given arbitrary power by the general convention of miners held at Hazleton in the fore part of the month to declare a strike if the circumstances warranted it. In the opinion of the committee, in a lengthy address and which was prepared by Mr. Mitchell himself, the circumstances did not warrant a strike at this time.

Mr. Mitchell made an address at the session of the committee, which was conservative in the extreme. He spoke of his visit to New York and his efforts to secure interviews with the presidents of the roads. He said all the concessions asked for had not been granted, but the outlook for the future was bright, and it was his opinion that the day was not far distant when the operators of the anthracite region would see that it was to their advantage to meet their miners in joint conference.

## GRIGGS QUILTS THE CABINET

Severs Connection With the President's Official Family.

Attorney General Griggs has taken leave of his associates in the department of justice, and departed for his home in Patterson, N. J. During the leave taking Solicitor General Richards, on behalf of the officers and employees of the department, presented to the retiring attorney general a large solid silver elmet pitcher of classic shape and unique design. Mr. Griggs responded to the presentation speech with appropriate remarks of appreciation.

There seems to be no reasonable doubt that Mr. P. C. Knox, who has been tendered the appointment of attorney general, will accept eventually, but he is not expected to take charge of his office for some weeks. Until he qualifies Solicitor General Richards will be acting attorney general.

## THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP

Chinese in Hawaii Need Not Be Deported.

Collector of the Port Stratton has received an opinion from Attorney General Griggs, definitely establishing the right of Chinese persons who were citizens of the Hawaiian islands prior to August 12, 1899, by birth or naturalization, to enter the United States. It was clearly the intent of congress, the attorney general thinks, to throw the cloak of adoption over all who were Hawaiian citizens on the date mentioned in the treaty.

## Killed in Mine Explosion.

In an explosion which occurred at Gallup, N. M., in the Weaver mine, operated by the Colorado Iron and Fuel Co., three men are known to have been killed outright and many others died from suffocation. It is supposed that giant powder was the cause of the explosion.

## GOLD SEEKERS MASSACRED

Party Killed by Indians in Gulf of California.

It is reported that a party of gold seekers was massacred by Ceris Indians on the island of Tiburon in the Gulf of California.

Two weeks ago six Mexican prospectors left Tepopo, on the west coast of Tiburon in search of gold. Pedro Pasquillo, one of the party, has reached the main land in a small boat and reported a fierce fight with the Indians. He escaped and believes his companions were killed.

## OUT OF BUSINESS

Legislature Quits and Members Go to Their Homes.

## THE LAST DAY WAS LONG DRAWN OUT

The House Adjourns at 10:30 and Senate Follows Five Moments Later—Governor Dietrich Vetoes the Court Commission Bill.

Lieutenant Governor Savage let his gavel fall softly at 10:35 April 1st, after a faint cry resounded from the small group of members who were called upon to vote on a motion that the senate adjourn sine die. The gavel dropped with a faint sound of regret as if the holder felt more sorrow than pleasure in knocking out the senate at one blow. It was struck, however, and the members began to gather up their belongings and start to their homes. The motion to adjourn was made by Edgar of Gage.

Some animation was caused prior to adjournment over a motion to pay members who had visited state institutions. Allen of Furnas, chairman of the committee on public lands and buildings which had visited several institutions, moved that members of the visiting committee be paid \$5 a day and expenses, not including legislative days.

Crouse of Washington attacked the motion and argued as he had done in the past that such payments were unconstitutional. Harlan of York also opposed the motion. Mr. Allen and others contended that the motion was in accordance with legislative custom. The allowance was made, though Currie of Custer, chairman of the committee on accounts and expenditures said his committee had cut out the item.

Currie, Young and Weber were appointed as a committee to notify the governor that the senate was about to adjourn and to ask him whether he had any further communication to submit. Harlan, Owens and Ziegler were appointed as a committee to notify the house that the senate was ready to adjourn. Both committees reported. Mr. Currie's committee reported that the governor expressed his warmest regard for the courtesies shown him by the senate and said he had nothing to communicate.

Then the gavel fell. Lieutenant Governor Savage walked down out of the stand which he ascended for the first time three months before.

The house adjourned at 10:30 o'clock. During the morning the speaker signed a number of bills while a dozen members were all that remained of the hundred who responded when Thursday began. It was about 10:30 when the speaker signed the miscellaneous claims bill and it was taken to the governor. A committee consisting of Armstrong, Hall and Boulier was appointed to notify the governor that the house was ready to adjourn sine die. The committee reported in a short time that the governor had nothing further to communicate and that he desired to thank the members for their labors. Cain of Richardson moved to adjourn and the speaker declared the session of the house at an end.

Governor Dietrich has vetoed the appropriation for salaries of nine supreme court commissioners together with stenographic assistants and the deputies and assistants in the three departments under one head, being the clerk's office, the office of reporter of the court and state library. Only the salaries for the court and its bailiffs remain. The veto has created quite a stir.

## Puts up the Bars

Baron von Rheinbaben, Prussian minister of the interior, has issued a decree stringently revising the regulations regarding Americans sojourning in Prussia. The decree says:

"All American citizens of German birth who return to Prussia here, will not be allowed under any conditions to reside in Prussia permanently."

The decree, which dates from 1885, has heretofore been "insufficiently observed," the ruler puts it.

## Young Women as Publishers.

The Dayton, O., Daily News was published Saturday by the young women's league, an organization comprised of ladies from Dayton's best families. The women sold papers on the street. Among the contributors are Vice President Roosevelt and Bishop Potter. The proceeds go to the league's building fund.

## Fire at Ionia, Michigan.

Fire destroyed the warehouse and elevator of Pahe & Co., at Ionia, Mich., entailing a loss of \$35,000, half of which falls upon the Grand Trunk railway, which owned the elevator building. Fifteen thousand bushels of grain and \$5,000 worth of wool were burned in the warehouse. The property was insured for \$12,000.

## Shot by His Step Son.

Charles Hopkins, aged forty-five, fisherman, was shot dead at his cabin boat two miles below Pekin, Ill., by his step son, John Oltman, who was protecting his mother. Hopkins was drunk at the time.

## To Build New Glass Plant.

M. Helberling, an Akron, Ohio, man, has raised \$700,000 with which to build a glass plant at Ottawa, Ill. The money was furnished by Joseph B. Oliver, of South Bend, Ind., and Q. M. Gray, of Niles, Mich.

## FALLS OVER A PRECIPICE

Death Follow Attempt of Mother to Save Child.

Mrs. Daniel Patterson, wife of a mechanic, her twelve-year-old daughter and Nellie Chase, aged fourteen, all living in Cold Spring, New York, went for a walk. They stopped on Table Rock, half way up Break Neck mountain, to watch the forest fires burning on Crow Nest mountain, across the river. Suddenly the Patterson child slipped and fell over the cliff. The mother sprang forward to save the child and also fell over the rock, both screaming in turn as they fell. Nellie Chase became greatly excited as she saw her friends go over, and she too fell after them.

Table Rock is 200 feet above the tide water and the side of the mountain under it is very steep. Nellie Chase fell in the branches of a large tree and was uninjured. The Patterson girl was found a few feet away with a broken arm and a cut and bruised body.

Mrs. Patterson was found further down the mountain, dead. She had fallen at least 100 feet and was dashed to death on the rocky side of the hill.

## FEARS OF ASSASSINATION

Visitors to the Sultan Hereafter to Be Excluded From the Palace.

Owing to apprehensions of attempts of anarchists upon the life of the sultan of Turkey, his majesty intends to completely exclude tourists from the precincts of the Yildiz kiosk. As a step in this direction he has ordered the demolition of the pavilion erected at the grand gate of the palace grounds for the accommodation of tourists hitherto permitted to attend the Selamlik.

Arrests of Bulgarians continue to be made in the district of Monastir. A small band of Bulgarian revolutionaries is reported at Brod. The authorities have discovered that arms are being smuggled in. The garrisons at Kumanovo and Uskub have been further reinforced.

## HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

Clerk Bille of Dakota County Is Shot at by Insane Woman.

County Clerk George C. Bille of Dakota City came very nearly meeting death at the hands of an infuriated woman who used a revolver. The person firing the shot was Mrs. Estella Wertzburger, who has several times during the past four years been up before the insanity board. She walked into the clerk's office and asked for an order on the county treasurer for money which had been taken from her for taxes, and when Clerk Bille informed her that it would require an order from the county commissioners she drew the revolver and fired. He escaped by dodging into the vault. The woman was arrested.

## YOUTHFUL HUNTER KILLED

The Weapon in Hand Accidentally Discharged.

Two boys, one a son of William Gruber, and the other a son of Nicholas Kopp, were out hauling hay near Byron, Neb., and the Gruber boy called the Kopp boy's attention alongside the road, at the same time reaching for a shot gun. In raising the gun the hammer caught, the gun exploded and the entire charge struck the boy under the chin, causing instant death. The Kopp boy said young Gruber never moved after being struck. Deceased was about sixteen years old.

## ADJUTANT KILIAN.

Nebraska Gets Captaincy in Regular Army By Appointment.

Among a list of army appointments made by the president J. N. Kilian of Nebraska, is mentioned for a captaincy. Mr. Kilian to whom this appointment is given is the present adjutant general of the Nebraska national guard. Previous to the Spanish-American war he was a captain in the First regiment, and before the regiment returned home he was promoted to the office of major. Col. Will Hayward of Nebraska City, has been appointed adjutant general.

## To Be Given no Attention.

Mrs. Carrie Nation is advertised to lecture soon at Indianapolis, Ind., at which an admission will be charged. At a meeting of the temperance societies of the city it was decided not to give Mrs. Nation any official recognition. It was stated that the temperance movement here would oppose her desecration of the Sabbath by a paid lecture.

## Big Strike in Prospect.

A general strike of all the men belonging to all the building trades union in Trenton, N. J., is expected to be started soon. The men are striking for an eight hour day at the same wages they have heretofore received for a nine hour day. The master masons and other builders have decided to deny the men's demand.

## Freight House Burned.

Fire destroyed the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern freight house and fifty cars loaded with grain in East St. Louis Mo. The fire was caused by sparks from a switch engine. Lost \$150,000.

## Saved by Corset Steel.

Corset steel and wire in a bustle turned several bullets fired by George Meisner, a Burlington railway clerk, at Miss Stevens, at her home on North Second street, St. Joe, Mo. It is said that Meisner had been jealous of the girl and that he shot her because she permitted a rival to call.

Minister Loomis, our representative to Venezuela has resigned and will return home. Ill health was the cause. He may be transferred to another post of equal dignity.

## TAKES THE OATH

Aguinaldo Swears Allegiance to United States.

## IT MAY MEAN HIS EARLY LIBERTY.

Immediate Disposition Yet to Be Decided.

Rebel Chief to Be Utilized for Islands' Good—Effect Will Be Close of Rebellion.

The war department has received information from General MacArthur that Aguinaldo has taken the oath of allegiance to the United States under the terms of amnesty offered General MacArthur by direction of the president. The dispatch conveying this information contained much more than was given out. The portion withheld related to the future disposition of Aguinaldo, and made suggestions as to what the late chief of the insurrection might accomplish. No official statement could be obtained as to what will be done with the prisoner, but it was emphatically stated that he would be held for the present, and would be granted all possible immunity consistent with existing conditions.

## GOVERNOR ALLEN TO RESIGN

Year Which He Promised to Remain in Porto Rico Expires.

A special from Washington says Charles H. Allen, governor of Porto Rico, who has left San Juan for Washington, is expected to tender his resignation soon after reaching there.

Mr. Allen will retire voluntarily. When he accepted the post, which he did reluctantly and at the earnest solicitation of the president, he promised to remain there but a year. The time is now up and he does not care to remain longer, although the president will doubtless endeavor to persuade him to go back, because of the good work he has done, as well as because of the difficulty of filling the place.

Governor Allen can have his old place as assistant secretary of the navy back if he wishes it, as it was understood when his successor was appointed that it would be open to him upon relinquishing control of affairs on the island. No names have been suggested as Mr. Allen's successor as yet, and possibly none will be until he has formally tendered his resignation.

## KILL MOTHER AND BROTHER

Crime Charged to a Young Man Near Sunbury, Pa.

A double murder was committed at Kline's Grove, a small village a few miles from Sunbury, Pa. The murderer, it is believed is John Gulick, aged twenty-three years. The victims are his mother, Mrs. Amy Gulick, aged 68 years, and his brother, Philip, aged 27. Gulick has disappeared, and a search for him is being made. Harry Moor, living on an adjoining farm, heard the shots, and hastened to the Gulick home. Mrs. Gulick was found lying on the floor of the kitchen, and the man was found in the barnyard with a bullet hole near his heart. Both had been instantly killed. What led to the commission of the crime could not be learned.

## SHOOTING AT THE POLLS

St. Louis Election Row Causes Wounding of Officials.

It is reported that United States District Attorney Rosier was shot in the arm at a polling place near Vandeventer and Manchester avenue St. Louis. A row was in progress, and Mr. Rosier received a shot that was intended for another.

While Rosier was standing at the polls in the twenty-fifth ward, John Banks, one of a crowd of about twenty or more negroes, attempted to vote. His vote was challenged by Mr. Rosier who said the negro had already voted elsewhere. He requested the police officer there to arrest Banks. This led to the trouble.

## FOR THIRD TIME.

Carter H. Harrison Is Elected Mayor of Chicago.

Carter H. Harrison has been elected mayor of Chicago for the third time, and next week will commence his third term as the chief executive of the city. His total plurality over Judge Elbridge Haney, the republican nominee, will be nearly 28,500 votes. The total vote of the city, with eight precincts to hear from is: Harrison, 153,275; Haney, 127,302; Harrison's plurality, 28,073.

## Miners Locked Out.

Six hundred men employed at the Orinda colliery of Cox Bros. & Co., at Hazleton, Pa., have been locked out. The company wants the miners to report earlier for work, but the men refuse to do so. No move has been made for a settlement.

## Collector Seely Laid Off.

Carl Seely, of Madison, Neb., who has been a deputy internal revenue collector for the past thirty-three months received notice that the changes in the district and the shortage of the appropriation made it necessary to get along with less help and he was laid off. Williams of Columbus will have a large part of his territory.

## Turkish Transport Wrecked.

The Turkish transport Asian has been wrecked at Yenbo, Arabia. Twenty soldiers were drowned.

## STABBED HIM THE BACK.

Fight Between Railroad Men May Result Seriously.

Charles B. Hodgson, Union Pacific fireman, was dangerously stabbed in the back by J. E. Rhyme, a brakeman, at Omaha in a switch shanty opposite the union station. At the close of the quarrel over a trifling matter Rhyme plunged a four-inch knife blade into Hodgson's back and fled, but was arrested later. Hodgson was removed to the Presbyterian hospital and is in a serious condition. It is said that the trouble which culminated in the stabbing started several days ago, when the men were out on a trip together. They quarrelled then about the opening of a cab window and when they met the dispute was resumed. Hodgson and Rhyme came to blows, but were separated by other railroad men in the room, who did not think the trouble was serious. In the excitement Rhyme escaped. It was thought he would go at once to the cashier's office to draw his pay with the intention leaving the city, and the surmise proved correct. When Captain Iler and officer Davis arrived at the office Rhyme was there. He was taken to the city jail, where the bloody weapon was found in his pocket. He was held without bail.

## TALK OF EXTRA SESSION.

Governor Dietrich Believes One Will Be Necessary Ere Next Election.

Governor Dietrich recently said he believed the need of an extra session before the next election was apparent. He thought many propositions in the shape of amendments to the constitution should be considered. The legislature passed a law providing for a commission of district judges to revise the statutes. Their work should be submitted to the legislature for ratification also.

The governor did not express himself plainly in favor of bringing about a congressional apportionment at this time but admitted that this might be done. A legislative apportionment may be impossible as it must take place at the first session after the taking of the census. Answering a question as to the possible views of his successor, Governor Dietrich said: "I think that when my successor takes his office and gets in here and has an opportunity to carefully examine the matters I have referred to, that he will see things as I have and will feel the need of calling an extra session."

## TAKES SHOT AT CZAR

An Officer of the Household Attempts Life of Russia's Ruler.

A dispatch to the London Morning Leader from Kieff says it is reported that an officer of the household attempted to assassinate the czar. He fired at his majesty and missed. He then shot and killed himself.

It was rumored several days ago, but disbelieved, that Count Leo Tolstoi had been banished from Russia because of the attempted assassination of Privy Councillor Pobiedonostzeff, chief procurator of the holy synod, who was shot at early in the morning of March 23 while sitting in his study, the attempt being attributed to a desire for revenge growing out of the excommunication of Count Tolstoi. Owing to the indefiniteness of the rumor it was disregarded by the correspondent of the Associated press. Now, however, the correspondent has received a private letter from a usually trustworthy source in Vilna, capital of the government of that name, saying that Tolstoi was reported to have passed through Vilna March 26, being escorted to the frontier by two gendarmes.

## GET UNDER THE FLAG.

Further Surrender of Insurgents in Philippines.

A Manila dispatch says: Thirty men of General Cailles' command have surrendered. Of this number five were officers, including Colonels Herrera and Relyoa.

Owing to the peculiar conditions prevailing in the Sulu archipelago and the island of Mindanao, the Philippine commission has about decided to organize a departmental government, covering all the islands south of the Visayas.

## Commissioners to Go West.

The inter-state commerce commission and the members of the various state railroad commissions are to meet in San Francisco, Cal., in joint session on June 4. The delegates and members of their families will number about 300. The California commission has secured the "Maple" room of the Palace hotel for the meetings. Plans are being made to show the visitors from the east the various attractions of the city.

## Wells Elected.

At St. Louis, Mo., Rolla Wells, the democratic nominee for world's fair mayor, was elected to that office by a plurality of about 10,000. With him was elected the entire democratic ticket. At midnight Charles F. Wennecker, the republican candidate for city collector, conceded the defeat of the entire republican ticket.

## Exceeded His Authority.

The appeal court has upheld the decision of the divisional court declaring that the London school board was not justified in providing science and art classes out of the school board rates and that the auditor was justified in disallowing payment thereof.

## Idle Miners in Scotland.

Reports received at a mass meeting of the Lanarkshire colliery engine handlers in London showed that 30,000 miners were idle in Scotland owing to the strike for an eight hour day.