

ARMY REDUCTION

SECRETARY ROOT ORDERS HOME MANY TROOPS.

THIRTEEN THOUSAND COMING

This Will Leave Thirty-Two Thousand Abroad—Movement Will Be Slow, Troops Returning in Order of Seniority of Service.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Secretary Root in conformity with assurances recently made to various committees of congress has arranged for a gradual reduction of the military force in the Philippines to about 32,000 men. Orders have been sent to General Chaffee, commanding the division of the Philippines, to arrange to send home all the regiments under his command that were sent to the Philippines in 1890. About 13,000 troops are affected by these orders.

The movement will be made very slowly, a regiment at a time, in the order in which they arrived in the Philippines, and in each case only when the regiment can be spared without embarrassment and without impairing the military control of the situation. All the troops sent out in 1898 already have been recalled to the United States with the exception of those who re-enlisted for service in the archipelago.

When all the fresh troops in the United States under orders to the Philippines have arrived there it is calculated that General Chaffee will have an effective fighting force of nearly 32,000 men, which are to be brought home at his earliest convenience. It is not believed that it will be possible for the first of these troops to leave the Philippines for at least three months.

CAPTURE GENERAL LUKBAN.

Energetic Filipino Leader a Prisoner of United States.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—General Chaffee notified the war department that Lieutenant Striber of the Philippine scouts had captured Gen. Lukban on the 22d inst. The prisoner is confined at Laganan.

The officials of the war department regard the capture of Lukban as the most important military event since the Aguinaldo capture. He was run down on the island of Samar. The place of his confinement is a tiny island in a bay on the north coast of Samar.

Lukban is one of the most energetic and ferocious of rebels. He is a half-breed, a mixture of Chinese and Filipino stock, and he has been an irreconcilable from the first. He had various fastnesses in the mountains of Samar from which he would descend upon the coast towns, and his reign of terror was so complete that the entire population of the island paid tribute to him as the price of freedom from attack. Ordinary campaign methods failed in his case, and his capture now is believed to be the natural working out of the system of dividing the island into small squares by military garrisons and making it impossible for the insurgent to obtain food or shelter.

New Cases of Smallpox.

STERLING, Neb., Feb. 27.—Several new cases of smallpox have developed in and about Sterling the past ten days. The entire Pettem family south of town are afflicted. They are occupying the same house formerly used by the Heckman family, which had the disease just a year ago, which tends to show that the premises at that time were not thoroughly fumigated.

Railroad Men Promoted.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Feb. 27.—George A. Goodell, superintendent of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern, has become general superintendent of the Chicago Great Western, with headquarters in Minneapolis.

President Bounces Noyes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—President Roosevelt, acting upon the recommendation of Attorney General Knox, has dismissed Arthur B. Noyes, judge for the Second district of Alaska.

Booker T. at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Booker T. Washington was at the White House today and had a conference with President Roosevelt, lasting fifteen minutes.

Murdered White in Bed.

CARLETONVILLE, Ill., Feb. 27.—Woodford Hughes, a prominent citizen of Scottville, a small town northwest of this city, was murdered in his bed at 1 o'clock in the morning by three unknown men. Hughes was spending the night with Barlar Seymour, and when the three men entered the house he arose in bed startled, only to be filled full of bullets. The men made their escape and blood-stains were at once put on the trail.

LAUNCH EMPEROR'S YACHT.

Boat Takes to the Water Gracefully Without a Hitch in Program.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—In a drizzling rain and in the presence of a brilliant assemblage, amidst cheering and the roar of cannon, the German emperor's new schooner-yacht Meteor was launched from Shooters' island yesterday. Unlike the weather, the arrangements were perfect and no untoward incident marred the occasion. The president, Mrs. and Miss Roosevelt, Prince Henry and all the distinguished party accompanying them were enthusiastically cheered on arriving at the platform just back of the bow of the Meteor.

Without delay, after greetings had been exchanged, Miss Roosevelt stepped forward, and, taking hold of a silver-covered bottle containing champagne, broke it on the side of the vessel. Immediately she seized a silver axe and severed the rope, which released the weights holding Meteor. The vessel went gracefully into the water, with the American flag breaking out at the taffrail. American and German national airs were played and from the chorus of craft containing excursionists came enthusiastic cheering.

Exactly at 10:39 Miss Roosevelt broke the champagne bottle with vigorous and effective hand, saying: "In the name of the German emperor, I christen thee 'Meteor.'"

Guns roared, bands played and the great cheering lasted for several minutes. The prince handed a bouquet to Miss Roosevelt and then, raising his hat, in a few words acknowledged the cheering of those on the main platform. The launching occurred without mishap. The president's daughter lifted a silver hatchet and struck the rope. It parted cleanly and down came the weights. The wedges flew up and out. The yacht trembled, and started forward and then slid slowly down into the water to the cheers of the distinguished gathering. It took the water safely and brought up in the middle of the Kill-Von-Kull without accident.

TO REDUCE CHINA CLAIMS.

United States Proposes Pro Rata Reduction of Indemnity.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The United States government has proposed to the powers concerned in the Chinese treaty that they consent to a pro rata reduction of claims so as to maintain the total within the sum of 450,000,000 taels, which the powers agreed to accept from China as full indemnity for the Boxer outrages. Germany has discovered that it placed its claim too low and has demanded an increase in allowance of 10,000,000 taels, and if this is to be met the other signatory powers must agree to submit to the pro rata reduction of that sum from their own original allotments. The United States is firmly opposed to any attempt to extort from China any more than the 450,000,000 taels, and it will attempt to avoid the creation of a precedent to be followed by the other powers in the allowance of this German claim.

Contract for Fair Building.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 26.—Dunneve & Estell, contractors, today signed a contract with the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company for the construction of the Textiles buildings and gave bond in the sum of \$107,000, one-third of the contract price, for the faithful performance of the work. The Textiles building, which will be 600x500 feet, is to be completed by October 15, 1903. Director of Works Taylor today advertised for bids on the electricity and machinery building, the work of Walker & Kimball of Boston and Omaha. Bids will be opened and let March 8.

United States is Liable.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—In the case of the United States against the St. Louis & Mississippi Valley Transportation company the United States supreme court decided that the United States is responsible for damage done in collision with its war vessels when such collision is due to the negligence of officers of the vessels of the United States. The transportation company asked for damages caused to the gunboat Future City by a collision with the Atlanta and the Galena, both United States vessels, in the harbor of New Orleans in 1888.

Actress Cuts Man's Head Off.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 26.—While her companion, Jack Kirk, was asleep, Lulu Watts, a variety actress at Nome, attacked him in a fit of jealousy and severed his head from his body with a razor.

Reported Ship Collision.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.—Information of the sinking of an unknown vessel and the probable drowning of all on board has been received here. The schooner Fannie Palmer, from Norfolk, for Boston, is reported to have collided with an unknown ship twelve miles from Fenwick shoals on February 19. The vessel sank immediately and it is believed the crew went down with it. Fenwick shoal is 19 miles south of Cape Henlopen.

Many a man would be glad of the opportunity to chew all he could bite off.

SALZER'S LIGHTNING CABBAGE.

This is the earliest cabbage in the world and a regular gold mine to the market gardener and farmer.



By the way, there is lots of money to be made on earliest cabbage, beets, peas, radishes, cucumbers and the like.

For 16c and this Notice the John A. Salzer Seed Co., LaCrosse, Wis., will send you their mammoth catalog and 150 kinds of flower and vegetable seeds. Market gardeners' catalog, 2c postage. W. S. U.

Courage—Something a man really needs when he gets ready to go to war.

DO YOUR CLOTHES LOOK YELLOW? Then use Defiance Starch, it will keep them white—16 oz. for 10 cents.

If the donkey only knew he was a donkey he would probably kick himself to death.

USE THE FAMOUS Red Cross Ball Blue. Large 2-oz. package 5 cents. The Russ Company, South Bend, Ind.

Any man with ideas in advance of his age is likely to wear clothes away behind it.

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After the matrimonial knot is tied a girl quits making tea and learns to make coffee.

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Great Northern Railway Popular Home-seekers' and Settlers' Excursions.

Round-trip tickets to points in Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, will be sold first and third Tuesdays in March, April and May, at one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip.

One-way settlers' tickets to points in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and British Columbia on sale every day during March and April at rates \$15.00 to \$25.00 each.

One-way settlers' tickets on sale March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and April 1st and 8th, to Minnesota and North Dakota points for only \$6.00 each.

These tickets are good on all trains, including the famous Great Northern "Flyer."

This is the best opportunity that has ever been offered to parties who wish to investigate the many advantages offered them in the Great Northwest. Information about Great Northern country is given by agents of the Great Northern Railway, or those desirous of ascertaining just what opportunities are offered there, can secure full illustrated information in reference to land, climate, crops, rates, etc., by writing to Max Bass, G. I. A., 220 S. Clark St., Chicago, or to F. J. Whitney, G. P. & T. A., St. Paul, Minn.

A full-grown elephant can carry three tons on its back.

IRONING A SHIRT WAIST.

Not infrequently a young woman finds it necessary to launder a shirt waist at home for some emergency when the laundryman or the home servant cannot do it. Hence these directions for ironing the waist: To iron summer shirt waists so that they will look like new it is needful to have them starched evenly with Defiance starch, then made perfectly smooth and rolled tight in a damp cloth, to be laid away two or three hours. When ironing have a bowl of water and a clean piece of muslin beside the ironing board. Have your iron hot, but not sufficiently so to scorch, and absolutely clean. Begin by ironing the back, then the front, sides and the sleeves, followed by the neckband and the cuffs. When wrinkles appear apply the damp cloth and remove them. Always iron from the top of the waist to the bottom. If there are plaits in the front iron them downward, after first raising each one with a blunt knife, and with the edge of the iron follow every line of stitching to give it distinctness. After the shirt waist is ironed it should be well aired by the fire or in the sun before it is folded and put away, says the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Unless you have confidence in humanity you are a suspicious character.

All Sufferers from Rheumatism should try MATT J. JOHNSON'S 6088. Guarantee goes with it. Try it.

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It takes a small boy with a new watch effectually to kill time.

Career and Character of Abraham Lincoln.

An address by Joseph Choate, Ambassador to Great Britain, on the career and character of Abraham Lincoln—his early life—his early struggles with the world—his character as developed in the latter years of his life and his administration, which placed his name so high on the world's roll of honor and fame, has been published by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway and may be had by sending six (6) cents in postage to F. A. Miller, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

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MRS. PAULINE JUDSON, Secretary of Schermerhorn Golf Club, Brooklyn, New York.

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It would seem by this statement that women would save time and much sickness if they would get Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once, and also write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., for special advice. It is free and always helps.

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