

WORK THIS WEEK

WHAT CONGRESS WILL BUSY ITSELF ABOUT.

THE PHILIPPINE CIVIL BILL

It Will Be Discussed in the Upper House With a Vote on Friday.—House Will Give Consideration to Pension Bills.

WASHINGTON.—The principal event scheduled for the senate the present week is the taking of the vote on the Philippine civil bill which is set down for next Friday at 3 o'clock. Under the agreement to vote, the bill remains the unfinished business of the senate until that date and it will have preference over all other questions each day after 2 o'clock. Many democratic senators are opposed to the bill, but the best information obtainable is that there will be no debate on the Philippine question. They will devote their efforts to securing a modification of some of the provisions of the bill as especially obnoxious, giving special attention to the bond and Chinese immigration clause. After the vote on the Philippine bill Friday the senate will adjourn until the following Monday and it is considered doubtful whether much more business of general importance will be then undertaken until after Christmas, as many senators have announced their intention of leaving for home immediately after the vote on the Philippine question. It had been the original intention to press for adjournment as early as the 19th inst., but there is now manifest a disposition to allow the house to have its way in fixing the date for the 21st, even though the senate remains technically in session, as will be the case, according to the present outlook.

It is the intention not to transact much business other than the Philippine legislation during the present week. Senator Hepburn on Monday will make an effort to secure consideration of the pure food bill, but if he succeeds in getting it before the senate it would not be seriously proceeded with before the holidays. It is believed that the statehood bill will not be reported from committee before the holidays.

The house will begin the second week of the session with consideration of private pension bills, Monday having been made pension day.

On Tuesday the resolution reported by the judiciary committee to impeach Charles Swayne, judge of the northern district of Florida, comes before the house as a special order, its consideration having been deferred by resolution at the last session to that day, and authority given the judiciary committee to take further testimony. All the evidence taken, including that heard since the last session, has been printed for the use of members of the house. A supplemental report has been submitted to the house by the judiciary committee advising the house of additional testimony. It is probable that the appropriations committee may report a short urgent deficiency bill during the week, and it is barely possible that the District of Columbia appropriation bill may be reported by the end of the week.

Serious Accident at Mine.

JOLIET, Ill.—A terrible accident occurred at mine No. 1, in South Wilmington. Engineer Paul Leslie failed to control the cage in which ten men were being lowered. The cage shot to the top of the tower and the men were thrown high in the air. An Italian miner was caught and crushed to death. Another miner, John Kucera, was fatally hurt. Six others were injured. The men thought Leslie had been careless and were prepared to lynch the engineer, when officers arrived.

MORE MONEY FOR DIPLOMATS.

Secretary Hay Recommends Increase in Salaries.

WASHINGTON.—In the estimates for the diplomatic and consular service forwarded to congress by Secretary Hay through the treasury department recommendation is made for increasing the salaries of a large number of officers in the service. It is recommended that Argentina be increased \$2,000, that of the minister resident to Liberia \$3,500, and that provision be made for a minister to Roumania and Servia and one for Greece and Montenegro and for a consular agent at Bulgaria. Increased salaries are recommended for the secretaries of legation to Turkey and Switzerland. A third secretary is proposed for the legations to Italy and Austria and new consulates at the following places at the salaries named:

Alexandria, \$2,500; Belgrade, Servia \$3,000; Bucharest, Roumania, \$3,000; Carlsbad, Austria, \$2,000; Sandokan, British North Borneo, \$3,000; and a consulate general at Teheran, Persia at \$3,000.

An increased allowance of \$2,000 for bringing home criminals is asked, also \$50,000 for carrying on the work of delimiting the boundary line between the United States and Canada.

Increases were recommended in the salaries of a large number of consulates. Increases of \$20,000 in the aggregate in allowances for clerk hire is recommended for thirty-nine consular offices.

BATTALION OF PHILIPPINES

Scouts Who Served at World's Fair Organized.

ST LOUIS, Mo.—On orders received from the war department at Washington, the following officers, who have been on duty at the Louisiana Purchase exposition, are relieved and ordered to their proper stations: First Lieutenant Frank W. Rowell, Eleventh infantry; First Lieutenant Kirwin T. Smith, Sixth infantry; Second Lieutenant James A. Higgins, Thirtieth infantry.

By direction of the president and under provisions of a congressional enactment the Fourth, Twenty-fourth, Thirtieth and Forty-seventh companies of Philippine scouts are organized into a battalion, with the following officers: One major, one first lieutenant, battalion adjutant to be selected from the officers of the Philippine scouts, one second lieutenant to be battalion quartermaster and commissary, to be selected in the same manner, and one battalion sergeant major. Captain William H. Johnston, Sixteenth United States infantry, has been detailed as major of the Philippine scouts and assigned to the command of the battalion.

A Green Goods Man.

NEW YORK.—Grover L. Collins, known to the police as the "Lone Green Goods Man," was arrested by a postoffice inspector, though he was supposed to have been killed in a Canadian train wreck several months ago. He is wanted by federal officers in New Jersey. Collins' method was to advertise in western newspapers. Correspondents received from him green goods circulars and also paper with silken threads in it similar to government paper. Money sent to him for samples he pocketed.

VALLEJO, Cal.—The government

tug Unadilla left Mare Island navy yard today with a party of expert electricians and a complete wireless telegraph outfit, which is to be installed on one of the Farallone islands. Mastid Electrician Hanscom, who is in charge of the work, said that he expected to establish communication with the Goat Island station by Saturday. The battleship Ohio will probably soon go to the Farallones to make tests of the wireless system which it is proposed to extend to Honolulu.

ARE IN RETREAT

RUSSIAN GARRISON AT PORT ARTHUR FLEES TO MOUNTAIN.

RUSSIAN SHIPS ARE SINKING

Details of the Capture of Meter Hill.—Mikado's Men Unable to Understand Why the Russians Do Not Fight.

LONDON.—According to the Morning Post's Shanghai dispatches, the Port Arthur forces, with the exception of those manning the forts, have already retreated to Laote mountain.

Details continue to filter in of the capture of 203-Meter hill. The Daily Telegraph's correspondent explains that the capture was due to a strong and sustained Japanese feint against the eastern fortifications on the night of December 5, and the position of 203-Meter hill, being an enflading one, forced the Russians to evacuate without a contest, a parallel line of semi-permanent fortifications extending east and west and irregularly over the slope half a mile west of Etse mountain. The Japanese casualties at 203-Meter hill alone exceed the total of the battle of Nan Shan, according to the Daily Mail's Tokio dispatches.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon of November 29 a Tomaysu detachment, with a battalion of infantry and a company of engineers, received orders that they must capture 203-Meter hill, while a Yosid detachment of the same strength had similar orders to capture Akasaka hill. On November 30 it became necessary to reinforce the attackers with a detachment under Major Shizuta. During the operation the cold was so intense that many of the men were frost-bitten, as it was necessary to pass the night without shelter. The Japanese, after the capture of 203-Meter hill, anticipated a terrible bombardment from the Russian forts and made preparations accordingly, but the Russians remained strangely quiet.

The Daily Telegraph's Tien Tsin correspondent reports that General Oku, after a three days' artillery engagement, drove the Russians on Thursday out of the small lofty island of Gushan, in the river, ten miles north of Liao Yang. The Russians, it is added, abandoned a quantity of supplies and several guns and retired to a position eight miles northwest, whence they heavily bombarded the Japanese, setting fire on Tuesday to kerosene depots and causing a great conflagration, which did not cease until Wednesday. The Japanese are still gallantly holding the island with a handful of men. Their casualties, it is alleged, number 5,000.

LONDON.—A dispatch to the Japanese legation from Tokio, dated today, says:

The naval staff at Port Arthur reports that on Thursday evening the Pallada was set on fire and heeled to port with its stern sunk. Eleven shots hit the Giliak (gunboat). The Bayan took fire at 11:30 and is still ablaze at 4:15 p. m. The Amur (transport) was hit fourteen times and sunk. Many shots greatly damaged the warehouses and other buildings near Peiyu mountain and the arsenal.

GENERAL NOGI IS CHILDLESS

Both of His Sons Have Been Killed in Battle.

Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army, via Fusan.—On the morning of December 2, the Russians granted permission to the Japanese to gather their dead and wounded from the eastern fort on account of the night fight of November 26.

Yesterday the same concession was asked for by the Russians concerning 203 Meter hill. The request was granted, but the privilege was withdrawn today.

LAND FRAUD CASES.

Purpose of the Government to Punish Guilty Parties.

WASHINGTON.—An official statement was given out by the Interior department announcing the government's purpose to prosecute every guilty man in the public land frauds to the full extent of the law and regardless of position in life. The statement follows:

"The conviction in Portland, Ore., yesterday of five persons for land frauds, which will be followed next week by the trial of several others indicted for the same offense, is but another step towards the consummation of the policy entered upon by the secretary of the interior, when it became known, nearly three years ago, that frauds were being perpetrated in connection with the public lands, to run down and prosecute the guilty ones to the full extent of the law, without regard to their position in life. The department has encountered many obstacles while engaged in this work, but has moved steadily onward and has had the hearty co-operation of the Department of Justice in bringing these land criminals to justice.

"These land frauds have been far more extensive than the public realize, and the work of securing the necessary proofs has been a difficult one, but there is no abatement of the intention to secure the conviction of the land thieves. No one will be shielded, whether high or low, and the work of prosecution will be vigorously carried on."

REVISION OF THE TARIFF.

Matter That Gives Roosevelt Much Concern.

WASHINGTON.—President Roosevelt is conferring daily with members of both the senate and the house of representatives on the subject of tariff revision and how the work shall be accomplished. He has found that strong opposition exists to consideration of the subject by congress at an extraordinary session to be held next spring, and it can be said that the idea of calling an extraordinary session for next spring practically has been abandoned. It has been pointed out to the president that it would be nearly impossible for the committee of congress to prepare a tariff measure for presentation to the house before July 1, next.

Representative Watson (Ind.) had a conference with the president. While no decision yet has been reached regarding the revision of the tariff, it is pretty well understood now that if revision should be decided upon, an extraordinary session of congress will be called, to meet next fall.

The subject will be taken up at that session, and its consideration probably be taken up and concluded at the regular session next December. This arrangement, it is believed, will enable congress to dispose of the tariff question at a comparatively early date in the regular session.

Big Horse Breeding Scheme.

DENVER.—John W. Springer, ex-president of the National Live Stock association, is at the head of a project to establish near this city what is believed will be the largest colony in America for breeding fine horses. Each breeder will be a specialist in his line. The colony will include nearly ten thousand acres of land, and within the boundaries will be raised American coach horses, Belgian heavy draft horses, heavy harness colts, thoroughbred Kentucky saddlers and trotters.

Notifying Formosa.

WASHINGTON.—Mr. Griscom, the American minister at Tokio, has cabled the state department that Mr. Fisher, the American vice counsel at Nagasaki, reports that all shipping has been warned to keep twenty miles away from Pescadore, an island off the west coast of Formosa, and that it is said fortifications are being constructed at Seoul.