ILOILO IS CAPTURED

Capital of Panay Island Falls Into Hands of American Troops.

INSURGENTS FIRE TOWN BEFORE LEAVING

Baltimore and Petrel Bombard the Place Saturday.

NO CASUALTIES AMONG AMERICAN FORCES

Rebel Governor Disregards Miller's Warning and Attack Follows.

FIRES EXTINGUISHED WITHOUT DAMAGE

Natives Given Until Evening of 11th Inst. to Surrender, but Hostile Actions Bring on Engagement and They Quickly Retire.

MANILA, Feb. 14.-9:45 a. m.-The United States forces under Brigadier General Miller captured Hollo, capital of the Island of Panay and seat of the so-called government of the Visayas federation, on Saturday last after a bombardment.

The rebels set the town afire before evacuating it, but the American troops extinguished the flames.

There were no casualties on the American

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.-Shortly before midnight Adjutant General Corbin made public the following from Major General Otis, reporting the capture of the town of Hoilo by the American forces on the 11th

"MANILA, Feb. 13.-General Miller reports from Hollo that the town was taken on the 11th inst., and held by troops. Insurgents given until evening of 11th to surrender, but their hostile actions brought on engagement during the morning. Insurgents fired native portion of town, but little loss to property of foreign inhabitants. No casualties among the United States troops reported. "(Signed)

Petrel Brings Report.

MANILA, Feb. 14.-9:45 a. m.-The United States gunboat Petrel arrived late last evening with dispatches from Brigadier General M. P. Miller to Major General Otis announcing that Hollo had been taken by the MANILA IS ITS FORMER SELF combined military and naval forces on Saturday morning.

General Miller, on receipt of his instructions from Manila, sent native commissioners ashore from the United States transport St. Paul, with a communication for the rebel governor of Hoilo calling upon him to surrender within a time stated and warning him not to make a demonstration in the interval.

The rebels immediately moved their guns and prepared to defend their position. Thereupon the Petrel fired two warning an inquiry: guns, the rebels immediately opening fire

The Petrel and the Baltimore then bombarded the town which the rebels, having set on fire, immediately evacuated. American troops were promptly landed and extinguished the fires in all cases of foreign property, but not before considerable damage had been done.

It is believed that the enemy's loss during the bombardment was heavy, but no American casualties are reported,

Relief Felt at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.-The Associated American troops under General Miller of Hollo, on the island of Panay, was the first news received in this city of the fall of the second largest city in the Philippines. The from any such accusation. announcement was promptly communicated to the president at the White house and it was read with gratification. Half an hour later the official intelligence of the fall of the city came in a cable dispatch from Major General Otis, which Adjutant General Corbin promptly authorized to be made pub-

There is a feeling of intense satisfaction among administration officials, as considerable apprehension has existed as to the ability of the Americans to take the place when they decided upon this step, and as to the loss of life which this might incur. It is felt here that General Miller has conducted himself with great circumspection in treating with the natives.

About a month or more ago the officials here and in the Philippines deemed it wise to dispatch an expedition to Hoilo because of the news that the natives were gathering in that and neighboring localities and were

threatening to take the city. Spaniards Give Up to Rebels.

General Miller, who was on duty at Mamila, was selected for this city and several regiments of infantry were forwarded, convoyed by an American man-of-war. Before they reached Hoilo the Spaniards, who then occupied the town, had surrendered it to the insurgents, who immediately occupied i When the troops attempted to land they were notified by the insurgents that such a course would precipitate a battle and General Miller-under his instructions to pur sue a conciliatory course-held his men abourd the transports. The men became tired of this and about two weeks ago the Fifty-first Iowa regiment was sent back to Manila and the First Tennessee was sent to

Hollo to replace it. As soon as the latter arrived it is believed General Miller decided to force a landing. The desire of the administration has been that the natives should submit to American demands and avoid a forced fight. but it appears that up to the last moment they could not be so persuaded.

General Miller his with him the Eighteenth infantry and Battery C of the Sixth artillery and, if they arrived as expected the First Tennessee regiment of infantry. while the naval assistance rendered him was by the gunboat Petrel and by the cruiser

Firing Into the Air.

MANILA, Feb. 13 .- 10:35 a. m .- Pursuing their customary tactics, the insurgents on the extreme left of the line opened fire at long range on the American troops last night, maintaining their fire for a few minutes before settling down. None of their shots took effect, however, and the Americans did not reply. All was quiet

along the rest of the line. The Concord is now lying off Paranaque. The weather at night now is cool and

showers are frequent Private Melsick, of the Montana regiment, died in the bospital yesterday.

4:05 p. m .- The Twentieth Kansas and the First Idaho volunteers have been recalled from the marsh lands north of Malaben and the former regiment is now entrenched in front of Caloocan. The American lines form a complete cordon twenty-two miles in

ma, south of Manila.

There has been no change in the disposiion of the troops except that the Fourth United States cavalry has relieved the First idaho volunteers and a battalion of the Twenty-third infantry has been stationed on the left flank to prevent the rebels steal-ing along the beach. The enemy is busily throwing up intrenchments on the left, sharpshooters in the jungles covering the

trenches, Second Lieutenant George A. Seaman of Battery B. Utah artitlery, was sho in the leg while standing near his gun. Four men of the Twentieth Kansas volunteers were wounded anghily. Last night Private Brinton, Company B, and Private Stevens Company G, of the Twentieth Kansas were wounded,

All the enemy's dead at Caloccan have been buried, 127 last Sunday and 200 yeater-

The United States cruiser Charleston has moved up the coast and is now off Malolos. the seat of the so-called Fllipino govern-ment, at a distance of about eight miles.

CASUALTIES AT CALOOCAN List Includes No Familities and Those Wounded Said to Be Only

Slightly Burt. WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.-The adjutant general today received the following casunity list from General Otis: MANILA, Feb. 13 .- Additional casualties, engagement at Caleocan February 10:

Twentieth Kausas.

Captain Charles M. Christy, Company E. Private James Kersherer, Company A. Private Charles Sennet, Company M.

Morsenberg Twentieth Kansas, reported February 11, should read Morse, First Montana.

Wounded Sergeant George W. Lowman, Company D. Private Adolph Charrette, Company E. Following are the casualties in the trenches at Malabon on the night of February 12 and morning of February 13;

First Montana. Wounded: Private Steve Stevens, Company G; Private Charles Britian, Company B, and

Private Joseph Callahan, Company M. Utah Artillery.

Second Lleutenant George A. Seaman, Battery B. Twentieth Kansas.

Private Via Payne, Company A. First California.

Wounded February 6: Private Edward O'Neill, Company E. All foregoing slightly wounded.

Quiet Prevails and Business is Re-

suming Its Usual Channels Without Incident.

has been received from General Otis: MANILA. Feb. 13.—Adjutant General, Washington: Everything quiet this morning. Business in the city is resuming former activity. OTIS.

The following was received in response to the remainder children. Feb. 13.-Adjutant General, MANILA. No Adolph Miller Pitte. Iowa: Randolph Miller, Company E

regiment, sick, Honolulu.

Says He Did Not Send Cablegram stared them in the face. Provoking This War. drive the Americans out of the Philippines | all trains on the New London division were before reinforcements arrived to be a He having much trouble. Agoncido absolutely refused to talk this

morning. Later he said: "I absolutely deny that I have sent a ca-Press dispatch announcing the capture by the | blegram provoking the present war. When the time comes I will produce the cable sent to Aguinaldo and the cable I received in reply from him. They will clear me

He then showed the first official cablegram which he had received about the situation at Manila and which came through the Hong Kong junia. This stated that

ended to exterminate the Filipinos,

from Aguinaldo to Agunellio: ing property of the people, at the same impossibility of having it delivered, pines rather than to submit to the unjust 800s.

ambitions of the invador,"

Killed in Action. WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—General Otts R. Keene contributed \$5,000 each. today cabled the War department as fol-

Adjutant General, Washington: Following deaths since last report, not including those killed in action: February 4-Victor Schofield, private, Company A. First oth Dakota, variola. February 6-Michael Crowley, private, Company D. Second regon, dysentery: John Marion, private ompany K. Third artillery, suppurative tonsilitis; James Garvey, private, Company A. First Tennessee, variola, February 8-Daniel Kyger, private, Company L. First Washington, typhoid fever, February 10-Charles Lillie, private, Company L. First Colorado, acute diarrhoea, from gunshot woulde in action Edwarz, to State wounds in action. February 8-Joy Shel-don, sergeant, Company L. Twentieth Kan-sas: W. Chopwood, private, Company D. Pirst Washington, February 11-1, J. Howard, private, Company B, Twentieth E

STEAMER LAWRENCE LOST

Crew Puts Off in Boats Before Vessel Breaks Up-Only One Boat Lands.

William Lawrence of the Merchants' and level and the mercury hovering constantly Miners' line, running between Baltimore and | near zero the capital is in the grasp of the Savannah, is a wreck and probably a total | most severe bilizzard in its history. The ratiess, off Port Royal, S. C. It left Baltimore | way mail service is paralyzed by the storm. Wednesday last with a full cargo, but no and mails are at a standstill throughout the passengers. Saturday it ran into a severe Atlantic region. No through trains arrived storm off the South Carelina coast. The here from the west over the Pennsylvania vessel became disabled and in a helpless road during the day and only one over the condition drifted ashore near the Port Royal Bailimore & Ohio, train No. 10 from Pitta-The crew abandoned the abip in four burg, due here at 4 in this morning. heats. One hoat containing A. J. Morris- arrived at 1 o'clock this afternoon. All othsell, second assistant ongineer, and John ers on the latter line were abandoned save Canaway, John Donahue, William Seifort, for a few locals. The only out-bound train Charles Green and Frank Buiden, seamen, started on the Pennsylvania as an extramade Fort Royal. Three other beats, con- pulling out at 4.20 this afternoon for the taining Captain Willis, the first and second east. officers and the engineers and members of Ail Chempeake & Ohio trains were abanthe crew have not been heard from.

EAST IN BLIZZARD'S GRASP

Train Service Abandoned and Business Halted by Fierce Storm.

STORM SURPASSES ALL SINCE THAT OF 1888

Several Americans were wounded in the Lowest Temperature Ever Recorded in Southern States, Scoring a Fall of Nearly Ninety Degrees in One Week.

> NEW YORK, Feb. 13.-The storm which has been raging since Saturday night increased in violence today, becoming a thorough blizzard. Snow fell all day and is still coming down. A bitter northwest wind drives the snow in clouds through the streets, piling up three-foot snowdrifts.

The street cleaning department, after struggling for thirty-six hours to clear the principal streets, gave up entirely, even suridering Broadway to the wind and snow. The surface railroads run snowplows over the roads at intervals, but the cars are not heated and are not well patronized. The elevated roads are running, but trains pay no regard to schedule time. In the suburbs, where the wind has free sweep, the drifts are five to ten feet high, street railroads have stopped altogether and suburban steam roads are blocked. Many neighboring towns are gut off from New York altogether. Few trucks and delivery wagons were seen on the streets today. Floating ice cakes in the rivers hinder the ferries greatly. Few persons ventured from their homes today unless obliged to do so. Courts had to be closed on account of the cold, and the special Lincoln day celebration and the theaters were thinly attended,

Today was a legal holiday with the banks and exchanges and an enforced one in the business districts generally. As there were no shoppers, the big stores closed their doors and sent the cierks home. Tonight the streets, even in the theater districts, are

almost deserted. The snowfall in New York this month has been nearly two feet, or more than the entire fall for last winter. The temperature is higher than last Friday and Saturday, but the driven snow stings like a whip and persons obliged to be outdoors suffer severely.

Fifteen Hundred Families Destitute.

All the charitable societies are taxed be youd their resources, owing to the sudden demands made on them. Of the 1,500 destitute families in the city, as estimated by the superintendent of the outdoor poor nearly all are either freezing or starving today. The continued storm has handicapped all efforts to aid and the blizzard of today has necessitated a complete suspension The thousands of poor Jews, Italians, Greeks. Syrians and Armenians, who make a living by selling fruit, confectionery and other small articles from push carts and stands have been driven out of business

altogether and brought to the verge of star-WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The following pleyment temporarily. They number many pleyment temporarily. They number many thousands and some of them will swell the

motion was almost herculean. Particularly arrive in New York at 3.40 p. m. has not first was this the case with the lines running that out from the Grand Central station. With OTIS. each hour the heavy conditions increased AGONCILLO MAKES MORE DENIALS. and these in charge of the work were compelled to admit the total stagnation of traffic

It was stated that the Old Colony ex-MONTREAL, Feb. 12.—Beyond declaring press, westbound, was stuck in a snowdrift and all the railroad lines are blocked. Pas-

Railroad Traffic Stagnated.

Tonight orders were issued to suspend all at a standstill. operations on the main line and branches of the Long Island railroad until the storm ing northeast snow storm prevailed here all gating Sunday's fire at the insane asylum. twelve feet high and indications are that on Saturday night. the road will not be oven for several days. the Americans were to blame for everything by the storm. No out-of-town mails were not contain a parallel for the present blizand had publicly announced that they in- received here today, with the exception of two early morning consignments from Bos-Following is a copy of an official telegram ton. None of the incoming mails from the north and northwest over the New York "On Sunday night the American army at- Central and from the south and southwest tacked our lines with premeditation and ever the Pennsylvania and the Baltimore & without justification and the men-of-war of Ohio railroads was delivered at the postthe American flotifia bombarded Malabon, office today. There is some danger of a Caloocan and Paranaque, killing men, women bread familie in the city if the storm conand children. In the cities of Manila and tinues. This is not due to the fact that Tendo defenceless and unoffending civilians, there is not a sufficient amount of flour in were arrested, the Americans besides injur- the various warehouses, but because of the

time saying that they would never coase. Chief of Police Devery touight issued an till they had exterminated the Filipino order to the captains of the various prerace. The Filipines are united with one cinets in Greater New York to give shelter sentiment. They are resolved to die glori- in station houses to all who apply for it and ously for the independence of the Philip- to afford general assistance to destitute per-

Mayor Van Wyck today notified Commissioner John W. Keller of the Department of REPORT OF MANILA HOSPITALS. Charities that he had \$20,000 subject to the commissioner's draft for the purpose of re-Otia Cables Death List Not Including | heving the poor, Tammany hall gave half the amount and Richard Croker and James

Trains on Reading Abandoned. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13.-The Reading railroad at noon today issued an official an-

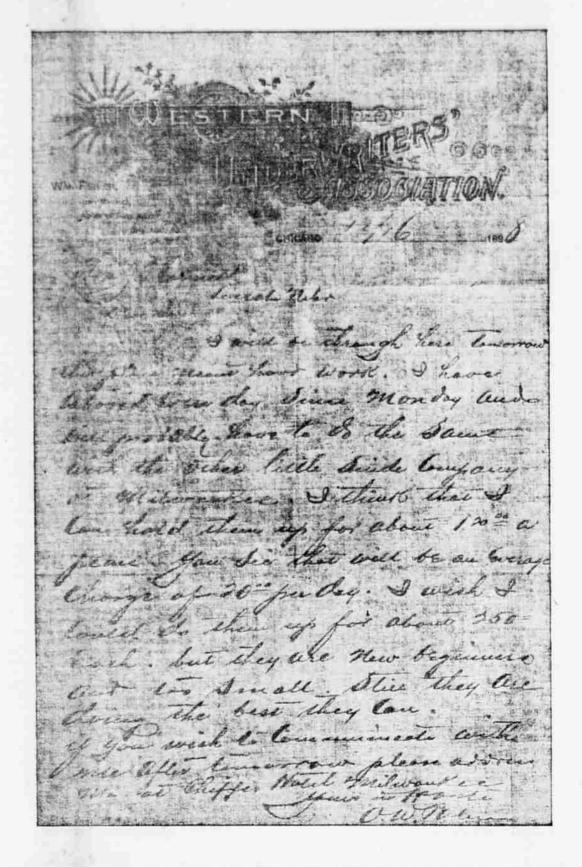
nouncement of the entire abandonment of its rain service until further notice. The Pennsylvania railroad is moving about half has abandoned freight and coal trains. The storm in this vicinity has assumed the proportions of a blizzard. The wind has had the effect of piling the light, dry snow lu drifts until some streets have become impassable to trolley cars. Shipping remains at familie is imminent in ports that depend on

Philadelphia for a supply of anthracite, Three fatalities incident to the storm were reported. John W. Teamens, aged 69 years, tell dead at Seventeenth and Cherry streets. and Benjamin Zeeley, aged 70, became unonscious at Seventh and Cherry streets and died before he could be placed in the hospital ambulance which was called. James Hall was found dead in the yard of the Patterson club at 205 South Camac street,

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.-With two SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 13.-The steamship | Inches less than three feet of snow on a

doned and there were no trains sent out or

THE HOLD-UP LETTER.



list of destitute. At the city lodging house 310 persons were housed last night. Of Coast line. The Atlantic Coast line No. 35, these 266 were men, 22 were women and which left here of 3.46 while day afternoon, is reported fast in a snowbank south of The task of keeping railroad trains in Alexandria, Va. The fast mail scheduled to Inquiring Into the Causes of the Fire at

Ten-Foot Drifts at Harrisburg.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 13.-Harrisburg INVESTIGATION IS NOT YET COMPLETED is stormbound. Twenty inches of snow have fallen in the last twenty-four hours. Traffic on the trolley lines is seriously impeded | No New Developments Have Come to the statement that he advised Aguinaido to somewhere east of New Haven and that senger trains on the railroads are from four trains from Pittsburg since last night. The snow has drifted ten feet high in some parts of the city and business is practically

> ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 13 .- A blindsubsided. Drifts nearly ten feet high are night, accompanied by high winds, and is is still in session. It is thought that perprevalent throughout the island and the still raging. Train service is suspended, has the investigation will be finished towind blows the snow on the track almost as No news has so far been received here fast as plows can remove it. The drifts in of casualties on the const. Twenty inches to light. Apparently no blame can attach head was badly bruised and it is feared Palm and obey the law. My pleadings have the Shinnecock hills are reported to be of snow have fallen since the storm began to any one for the fire.

EASTON, Pa., Feb. 13 - The weather rec-All of the sound steamboats are tied up ords of Easton and Northampton county do in an acknowledged fact, as it was never zard and its paralyzing effect. Snow has purposes solely. The state legislatures for fallen steadily since Saturday evening. Toward midnight last night the blizzard set in and the fall of snow since that time has been unprecedented. The wind is blowing a gale and the thermometer registers from 2 to 3 degrees below zero. Troiley trains are at a standstill. Cosi and freight traffic has been suspended. The Philadelphia paper train is stalled on the Bethlehem division of the Philadelphia & Reading road. The Belvidere division trains, two passengers and a local freight, are stuck near Riegelsville,

> CAPE MAY, N. J., Feb. 13.-Snow has fallen continuously since 8 o'clock Saturday night and shows no signs of abating. The snow is thirty inches deep. All train service | for patients. in suspended.

Seven Feet of Snow in Virginia.

FALLS CHURCH, Va., Feb. 13 .-- It has been snowing here since 3 o'clock this morning and the snow in northern Virginia has drifted until it is seven feet deep in places. On the Washington & Ohio railroad all traffic is tied up. There are three morning passenger trains scheduled southbound and not one of them started today. All are frozen in at the terminal points and no train could penetrate the great drifts in the railroad cuts. Throughout this region its regular scheduled passenger trains, but all is anowhound. Much concern is felt over a scarcity of coal. Much suffering is ex-

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 13.-Attested thermometers registered 24 below zero this morning. The poor have been fed at a soup house all day and various citizens Lexington have any coal and they will not furnish to any one person more than a Coal has jumped from \$2.25 to \$4 a. Tonight the weather bureau predicts attendants who lost all they possessed, and

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Feb. 13.-John Keagan, a farmer, who was bringing a load death, half buried under a lot of bags in | mai school, Vermillion university, Plankin the wagon.

River Craft Endangered.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 13 .- The mercury con tinues to hover about zero. Last night it fropped to 6 degrees below and to day it is I degree below. Yestertan and last aight ion to prevent the machinery from freez-There is a continued stagnation of There is much low in the Ohio and the upper rivers remain from tight. The will suffer when the breakup comes. WHAMINGTON, Del., Feb. 12.-The bliggard of last night and this morning effectually blocked railroad travel in

(Continued on Fourth Page.)

Yankton Insane Asylum.

Light and the Head of the Institution Cannot Be

Blamed.

YANKTON, S. D., Feb. 13 .- (Special Telegram.)-The coroner's inquest, which has een in progress since yesterday investinight. No new developments have come

That the building burned should not have been used for occupancy as a hespital ward. the last eight years have been asked for anpropriations to sufficiently care for the insome, but seemingly of little avail. In 1895 Superintendent Mead made his first report to the legislature, showing that the hospital was in a overcrowded condition and that room should be made for at least soy enty patients for the next two years; Twenty men were then in the fever ward and every bed in the building occupied. recommended that cuttages be built, also that a laundry was needed. Five thousand dollars was then appropriated for the launtry but nothing for a cottage. The laun try building was erected, the demand for room being imperative, and the upper por

tion of the faundry was of necessity used Incessant have been the requests for noney, but the legislature has done absolutely nothing toward allevisting the overcrawded condition. Thus it will be seen that Superintendent Mead, the responsible head of the institution, is in no way to b blamed for the terrible accident. This fire is very apt to make considerable change in the matter of appropriations asked of the

egislature for public institutions. Governor Lee arrived at Yankton tonight from Pierre, also President Sibbison of the Board of Charities and Corrections, It is Missouri, Wyoming, North and South Daexpected that the new board will soon ar- kots, in anticipation of senate hill 4687. rive and together with a legislative committee formulate a statement concerning the diuntion for the legislature.

By the loss of the laundry, washing for the vast institution will be done by hand. A new outfit of laundry machinery has been Senator Edgerton of this city will en-

a drop to 36 below zero. All trains two aries included. A good subscription was raised by the asylum employes to assist There being no insurance on state insti of feed to this city, was found frozen to tutions, conflagrations at the Madison Norton Reform school and the Yankton Insane

hospital have cost the state within the past

four years a loss of \$200,000.

denvor to secure an appropriation from the

present legislature to reimburse the female

Woodchoppers interfered With. DEADWOOD, S. D., Feb. 13.-(Sp. Supervisor Hamaker of the Black Hills for many of the large mills were kept in opera- lest resolve lasted an order yesterday proitmber into the cities for sale and no more river navigation, but no further damage to | can be sut, either from green or dead timboats and other craft has been reported, bec. The new order has caused consternation among the woodhaulers and choppers, who depend entirely upon this work for ivers are still failing and the greatest their living. There is very little surplus anger feared by river men is that craft! wood in the cities and a fuel famine is threatened.

> Saloon Keeper Badly Burt. STURGIS, S. D., Peb. 15 .- (Special.)-Last night W. W. Hopcroft, a saloon keeper of

Forecast for Lebraskie Generally Fair and Warmer. 5 a. m -6 6 a. m..... -6 a. m.,.... -5

6 p. m..... 22

7 p. m.... 22

12 m..... 14 - Below zero.

10 a. m 4

of acetylene gas at the rear of his saloon. He was seen to go back to the little building in which the gas plant was stored and Hoperoft was thrown several feet backward by the force of the explosion and he was he is injured internally.

Old Troopers Want Active Service. PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 13 .- (Special Telegram.)-Major Stawart of the Third cavalry, Grigsby's regiment, has been asked by the be organized for service again. If active service could be promised most of the old troopers could be gotten together again on short notice, but for camp life most of them a member of the present state senate and could not, therefore, take an active part in

Mercury Bolts Upward. PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 13 .- (Special Telegram.) -The temperature here went from 3 degrees below zero Sunday to 40 above 3 o'clock this afternoon, with a chinook lowing from the northwest. The temperature of the period since January exceeds any record of the office since it was establisted at Fort Sully, fourteen years ago. both for continuation and severity. present break is welcomed by all, as the in terests of the country were beginning to

These Want to Fight.

YANKTON, S. D., Feb. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—E. F. English of this city has tendered the president a regiment of light cavalry for service in the Philippines, to be recruited in Oklahoma, Iowa, Nebraska,

Postoffice Robbers Sentenced. DEADWOOD, S. D., Peb, 13.-(Special Telegram.)-Fred Keenen and Frank Kelley, charged with robbing postoffices in the eastern part of the state, were found guilty and sentenced to three years' imprisonment and a fine of \$100. The grand jury has been dismissed, but one civil case remaining.

TWELFTH AWAITS TRANSPORT

at Grafton, W. Va., Until Storm Allows Sheridan to Sail.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13,-Colonel Amos Kimball, deputy quartermaster general, today received a telegram stating that eight companies of the Twelfth infantry, which left Jefferson Barracks on Saturday, arrived today at Grafton, W. Va. Colonel Kimball immediately arranged with the railroad officials at Jersey City to sidetrack the tourist cars containing the troops and have the cars heated by steam until the transport Sheridan, on which they are going to sail, is ready to put to sea.

The transport was scheduled to leave Brooklyn tomorrow, but the War department has issued orders to hold it until

Coal Commands Good Prices. IRONTON, O., Feb. 13 -One hundred coal miners in local banks have struck for an in-croase from The to \$1 per load. Coal is bring-Industries are cripthis city, was nearly killed by an explosion | pled and a coal famine is imminent,

BOLD HOLDUP WORK

State Examiners Squeeze Insurance Companies for All Traffic Will Bear,

SOME "SNIDE" ONES DO NOT YIELD MUCH

Causes Inspector Palm to Emit a Wail When He Reports to Cornell.

SIMPSON IMPROVES HIS OPPORTUNITIES

Makes Benefit Association Pay Five Times the Legal Fee.

REAL REASON FOR LICHTY'S DISMISSAL

Former Chief Clerk of the Insurance Department Knows Some Things Which Made the Auditor Tremble.

LINCOLN, Feb. 13 .- (Special.) -- The dismissal of Insurance Deputy Lichty by State Auditor Cornell has stirred up a decidedly lively mess, and from present indications it is likely to be a case of "didn't know it was loaded." The ostensible reason for the dismissal of Deputy Lichty is given in the

following letter:

Office of Auditor of Public Accounts, Feb. 10, 1899. Samuel Lichty. Chief Clerk in the Insurance Department. Sir: From circumstances and facts that have come under my observation from time to time, and especially during the month just passed, I am convinced that you have not been faithful and have not exercised your best judgment in performing the du-

ties of your office.
Without authority of law and without my knowledge, you collected from fraternal so-cleties \$266, which you returned under my direction. You have taken from my mail a letter addressed to me marked "Personal and have not advised me of its contents." You have, contrary to my instructions, withheld agents' certificates under the pre-tense that you knew more about the revenue

laws than the Treasury department. I believe you have tried to favor certain insurance companies contrary to law and at the same time have not acquainted me with your ac-You have used your influence to the detri-ment of the office. You have not given me the advantage of your counsel. You have always objected to keeping the records of our office, and especially the fee book, in

such a shape that the office could be prop-erly checked. You pretend to have facts, which, if they were divulged, would deprive me of my office. You, for the make of your position, withhold these facts. Such honesty would

shame the devil. I tremble while you are in the employ of the state, hence I discharge you from its service, and demand that you deliver to me all papers, books, documents, money or other things in your possession belonging to the state. JOHN P. CORNELL,

Ex-Doracy Living tell, a dilatent story, as follows: "I am asked to state the reasons that led Yesterday's Temperature at Omaha: to my discharge from the office of the state anditor." said Samuel Lichty, late insurance 1 p. m..... 16 commissioner. "There are various reason 2 p. m..... 18 but the main reason is the divergence of epinion with regard to the enforcement of 4 p. m. 21 the insurance laws and certain disclosures

affecting Auditor Cornell's official integrity. "Section 28 of the insurance laws says: 'The auditor shall not appoint anyone to ex-9 p. m..... 19 amine insurance companies who is an officer, agent or stockholder of any insurance

"In defiance of this law the auditor has all along had O. W. Palm of Lincoln as his insurance examiner, although it is claimed that Palm is one of the largest and soon afterward a terrific explosion occurred, most prosperous insurance agents in the state. Serious protests came to the office against such lawlessness, and I have for a picked up in an unconscious condition. His long time asked the auditor to discharge been in vain, and as late as December 16, 1898, this man Palm was east 'holding up'

companies, as he very properly terms it This leads me to say that there is a rule in our insurance department, approved by Auditor Cornell, that examiners of joint War department how soon the regiment could stock and old line companies shall have not to exceed \$10 per day and expenses for their work. I can prove this by a copy of a letter to the Eric Fire Insurance company. dated January 9, 1899, and copied on inare satisfied to stay out. Major Stewart is surance letter book of that date, pages 149 and 150. I affixed the auditor's name to that letter on his orders, after he had read the letter. Now the fact is that during last year letters and documents fell into my hands evidently not intended for me and they proved conclusively that the auditor's insurance examiners were violating not only this wholesome rule, but plain statutory law as well, and were 'holding up' companies shamefully upon written orders from the auditor, and by the power of the great

seal of the state. Makes Exorbitant Charges.

"The fraternal insurance law of 1897 provides in section 9 that men who examine fraternal associations 'shall be limited to \$5 per day, and necessary traveling expenses and hotel bill.' A few weeks ago a director of the National Ald association of Topeka, a fraternity doing business in this state, protested to me because the auditor sent his nephew, J. A. Simpson, to examine their books and records, and that after only two days' work Mr. Simpson filed a bill for \$100, which, though an unlawful charge, they paid rather than to have trouble with the state auditor.

The Traders' Insurance company of Chitago seems to have had a call from Mr. Simpson recently, backed by a commission from his uncle, and after a few hours' visit the company was held up for \$110.

"During 1897 I succeeded in gotting all insurance examinations recorded in a book kept in the office for that purpose, and there were no 'hold ups' in the name of ' or violations of law in regard amina-tions that I could learn during a year, or violations of law in regard but during 1898 it was different. Not a single examiner could I induce to put a single date or data on the records in the office, and my appeals to the auditor to compel them to do so were of no avail. The auditor and the examiners combined to keep nearly all the reports of the examiners and everything outhing the examination of insurance companies away from me, although I often asked to have them so I could record the facts and file the papers in their proper places. I declared that all this uncalled-for conduct was simply to keep me from seeing their crookedness, and so of course I de-

served to walk the gang plank. "The provision for the appointment of insurance examiners is contained in section 28, chapter xiiii of the Revised Statutes of 1895, as follows:

. Section 28-It shall be the duty of the auditor of state, whenever he shall deem it expedient so to do, in his judgment, to appoint one or more persons, not office agents of stockholders of any lasura company doing business in this state to ex-