

SOLDIERS' RETURN DELAYED

Fighters in Philippines Will Not Be Back on Time.

WAR DEPARTMENT IS IN A PREDICAMENT

Failure of Congress to Provide for Fresh Troops Makes It Impossible to Relieve Present Ones as Soon as Expected.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—As a result of a conference between the secretary of war and Quartermaster General Ludington, it has been decided that no further action can be taken with regard to the return of the volunteers from the Philippines until congress shall make provision for their replacement. The war department is considerably embarrassed by the failure of congress to make provision before the recess for the relief of the military situation in the Philippines. Acting upon representations made by General MacArthur, the department has concluded that it is absolutely necessary to maintain an army of 60,000 men in the Philippines until the current policy of establishing municipal governments throughout the archipelago has been completed.

It is stated at the department that with any reduction of the military strength below that figure existing conditions would doubtless prove most disastrous to the interests of the United States.

There are now about 60,000 troops, regulars and volunteers, in the Philippines, and arrangements have been made already for bringing home 9,000 of that number. No further reduction will be made until the war department is advised fully of the purpose of congress with regard to army legislation. When the necessary authority has been given it is the purpose of the department to bring home as rapidly as possible all the volunteers and regulars whose terms of enlistment expire on June 30 next, but not before it is possible to replace them with men with new recruits enlisted under the terms of the new army bill.

It is expected that congress will act promptly on the army bill soon after it reassembles in January, but even in that event, it is said at the war department, it will not be possible to get the fresh troops to the Philippines inside of two months' time. The general homecoming movement of the mass of volunteers, therefore, will have to be postponed until about February 1. That will give the quartermaster's department but five months' time to bring home the remainder of the volunteers and the regular troops whose terms will expire at the same time, aggregating about 40,000 men, before July 1. This undertaking is believed to be beyond the capacity of the transport service as at present organized and may necessitate the charter of additional steamships.

Recent cable advices from General MacArthur indicate a strong desire on the part of the volunteers generally to return to the United States. Relatively few of them are likely to re-enlist unless the most liberal inducements are offered. It is understood that General MacArthur has recommended that a bounty of \$250 be allowed to each soldier in the Philippines who re-enlists for another term and the plan is said to meet with the favor of the officials of the war department.

INVOLVES A FORMER CONSUL

Irregularities in Mining Claims Filed in Manila Call for Explanation from Oscar F. Williams.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Inquiry at the state department discloses the fact that no official notice ever was taken by the department of a statement affecting in some measure Oscar F. Williams, who had been consul to Manila, before the Spanish-American war. Captain Burritt was the author of this statement and, being in charge of the mining bureau in the Philippines, in the course of his annual report to General MacArthur, commented upon the filing in an irregular fashion of an enormous number of mining claims, said: "The record discloses an undefined, but apparently close relation of Hon. Oscar F. Williams, as United States consul, with the inspectorate of mines, that is of such a nature as to seem to require a statement of the facts appearing in the records of this bureau."

Captain Burritt then recites some cases where the consul had certified to certain claims some time after the claims had already been made by the Spanish mining officials. The statement in the report is that certain mining men, foreseeing the overthrow of Spanish sovereignty in the Philippines, had filed claims upon every thing in sight in a mining way. But Consul Williams in no way intended since consul, nor is he an official of the United States government, so he has no longer authority in connection with this matter. The mining claims filed in the irregular fashion referred to are, however, yet within reach. A similar statement of the war department this morning from Manila that he had sent the cruiser Albany from Cavite to Hong Kong to be docked, for the purpose of ascertaining the extent of the injuries, if any, received by the ship through touching bottom in Subig bay last week.

INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS.

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BELIEVES IT'S EXAGGERATED

General Davis Thinks Dr. Williams' Report on Porto Rico's Condition is Overdrawn.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—General Davis, when seen at the war department concerning the report made public today by Dr. Williams, a contract surgeon in the Department of Porto Rico, setting forth an appalling state of affairs among the coffee planters of the island, said that from his knowledge of affairs in that section of Porto Rico, he should characterize Dr. Williams' statement as much overdrawn and exaggerated. That there was suffering in the coffee planting section of the country, the general said he had no doubt. The heavy losses incurred by the big hurricane, he said, could have no other result than to greatly deplete the means of the planters, who had \$12,000,000 worth of coffee swept away by a big storm.

When General Davis was military governor of the island the war department issued orders to the people of Porto Rico in order to help them to weather over the evil effects of the hurricane. When the government passed under civil administration, however, the issuance of the ration cards continued, as it was believed the islanders had sufficiently recovered. The general said that Dr. Williams was an acting assistant surgeon in the department and accompanied a small expedition under command of Major Watt, Fifth cavalry, which on a march across the island, traversed the coffee planting region. The doctor presented a bad state of affairs in this section, in the way of sickness and want of food, and was asked for a fuller report by General Davis. This was turned over to Dr. Allen.

General Davis leaves Washington this morning for San Francisco, where he will take passage for Manila on the transport Hancock, sailing January 1. He has been ordered to duty as inspector general of the division of the Philippines.

PRESIDENT TAFT HAS A PLAN

Chief of Commissioners Proposes New Currency System for Philippines to Replace Former Ones.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Taft of the Philippine commission has come forward with another suggestion for the settlement of the Philippine currency question, which is now pressing urgently for adjustment. He discards the two former plans of coinage, the one a trade dollar and the other of maintaining by the credit of the United States a fixed ratio between the Mexican dollar and American gold and proposes to adopt United States money pure and simple as the money of the Philippines.

PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS.

War Survivors Remembered by the General Government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(Special).—The following pensions have been granted:

- Issue of December 7: Nebraska: Increase—Bill Bronson, Alexander, \$10; John M. Pollock, Lincoln, \$8; William A. Hornaday, Potter, \$10. Original widows, etc. special Dec. 10—Martin E. Mittan, Blue Springs, \$8. War with Spain, widows, etc.—Elizabeth A. Kells (mother), South Omaha, \$12. Iowa: Renewal—Curtis L. Snyder, Daversboro, \$12. Increase—Joseph W. Knapp, Roberts, \$10. Original widows, etc. special Dec. 11—Margaret J. Leinberger, Solon, \$8. Louisiana: Original—Hamburg, \$12; special Dec. 10—Nancy Price, Zeigler, \$10. Original—William H. Covert, Cripple Creek, \$6. Increase—William McCreedy, Creeds and Saldiers' home, Monte Vista, \$8. South Dakota: Original—Martin J. Matheson, \$10. Increase—William H. Covert, Cripple Creek, \$6. Increase—William McCreedy, Creeds and Saldiers' home, Monte Vista, \$8.

HAWLEY STILL CLOSE TO LOUISIANA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Captain Hawley called the Navy department last evening that he had sailed with the Hartford from La Guira to Caracas. It is said at the Navy department that this does not affect the execution of the instructions sent to Captain Hawley a few days ago to look after the American interests in Venezuela and to cooperate with Minister Loomis. Caracas is only a short distance from La Guira, directly across the channel, is a cable end and the Hartford is consequently still in good position to execute its trust.

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WARREN SURE OF HIS SEAT

Fifty-Three Out of Fifty-Six Members Give Him Their Pledge.

WYOMING SATISFIED WITH HIS RECORD

Legislators-Elect Assure Their Senator His Absence from Cheyenne Will Not Affect His Chance for Re-Election.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(Special Telegram)—Senator Warren of Wyoming, whose present term expires on March 4, 1901, today received letters from each county delegation to the Sixth Wyoming legislature, numbering in the aggregate fifty-three of the fifty-six members, assuring him of their support for re-election. The letters of the Laramie county members, following generally the support of all, is in part as follows: "It is recognized by all that your present high standing as a public officer is in a large measure due to the ability and fidelity with which you have at all times cared for the interests of your constituents. While it would be a great pleasure to us to have you present at our session, yet, should matters important to Wyoming be better served by your attendance in Washington during the short session of congress, we desire to say that we will, with your other friends in this state, see that your absence from Wyoming shall not in any way put in jeopardy your re-election, and pledge to take care of that matter when the proper time comes."

DEPARTMENTAL NOTES.

The postoffice at Rizora, Marion county, Ia., has been discontinued, mail to Atchita. Lewis J. Patterson is appointed mailing clerk at Council Bluffs and James E. Robbins at Des Moines, Ia. Samuel N. McCormick is appointed rural free delivery carrier at Bloomfield, Ia. W. H. Wilson was today appointed postmaster at Glen Rock, Nemaha county, Neb., while E. Bishop resigned at Charles Braun at Wabasha, Cass county, Neb., vice S. Hulsh, removed. Also W. N. Tippet at Clay Mills, Jones county, Ia.; J. S. Stephen at Delphos, Ringgold county, Ia.; P. R. Boyd at Horton, Bremer county, Ia., and W. J. Conery at Temple Hill, Jones county, Ia.

The Merchants' National bank of Omaha was today approved as reserve agent for the Farmers' National bank of Pawnee, Neb.

The application of W. F. Cody, Hubert H. Hake, C. E. Hayden, J. W. Chapman and Benjamin F. Hake to organize the First National bank of Cody, Wyo., with \$25,000 capital, has been approved.

GERMANS' CLAIMS ARE FILED

Embassy Presents State Department with Bill for Damages to Property in Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The German embassy has laid before the state department the claims of a number of German subjects for damages to their interests in Cuba, as a result of the Spanish-American war and the insurrection which led up to the war itself. This action of the German government has created the most important question of the day at the state department, and the department of state has given it the closest consideration. It has been concluded, however, that the United States government cannot accept responsibility for the claims. They are regarded as practically the same in principle as the claim of Porto Rico against Cuba for \$2,500,000 on account of a war loan.

Although in that case Governor Allen of Porto Rico represented the United States government in preferring the claim, that government has declined to accept liability, or the liability of Cuba under present conditions. The answer to the German presentation will be based upon the reply to Governor Allen, recently made. It is known that other governments beside Germany have claims aggregating a very large sum, all based on the Cuban insurrection and succeeding events. They will not be abandoned on account of the attitude of the United States government, but on the contrary probably will be held in abeyance until such time as the United States is independent, when they will be presented directly to the government of the island.

GETS HER CLOTHES BACK

Treasury Department Decides to Allow Miners to Retrieve Wrecks to Com. in Free of Duty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Assistant Secretary Spalding today took favorable action on the appeal of Miss Condit-Smith from the action of the customs authorities at New York in seizing her trunks on her arrival from China. The basis for the action is set forth in the following statement made by Mr. Spalding: "Regulations provide for free entry of the personal effects of citizens of the United States and their families returning from abroad. It appears that the contents of the trunks at the time of the seizure, as of the minister of the United States. Her entire wardrobe, with the exception of the clothes she wore, was either destroyed or otherwise clothed other, who had lost everything, or torn up for postage. Her trunks brought by her to New York are duplicates both in value and number of the clothing purchased abroad for the necessities of her journey, and to replace what she lost or charitably donated during the siege."

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES AT THE CAPITAL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Christmas festivities were begun this evening at the embassies. The German minister gave a dinner party to members of the War and Navy departments. A large party gathered at the legation of Austria-Hungary, where Minister and Mme. Henggenmuller had a Christmas party with a large and handsomely decorated tree. Among the company were the British ambassador and Lord Pauncefote and the lady Pauncefote, the Misses Pauncefote, the German ambassador, minister from Spain and Duchess de Arce, and Belgian minister and Countess Lichtenvelde, the minister from Portugal and Viscountess Santo Thyro, and most of the attaches of the legation.

VERDICT IN MORRIS MURDER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The coroner's inquest in the case of Frank H. Morris, auditor of the treasury, at the War department, who was killed at the Windsor building Saturday afternoon by Samuel McDonald, former disbursing officer of his bureau, was held today. The verdict was that Morris had come to his death by reason of a pistol shot wound inflicted by McDonald. McDonald, who is in a precarious condition at the emergency hospital suffering from self-inflicted wounds after killing Morris, is somewhat improved and has a chance to recover.

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LAST GAME OF THE SEASON

Omaha and Lincoln High Schools, Will Try to Break the Tie.

The last gridiron battle of the season will be played this afternoon at Vinton street park when the all-star teams of Omaha and Lincoln will attempt to solve the problem of supremacy which stands now in dispute, for the reason that the teams have played two games and in both neither side has scored. It is a foregone conclusion that today's struggle will be a brilliant exhibition of the great college game. The teams are so excellently matched that it would be presumptuous for one to attempt to forecast the result. Captain Tracy, however, is confident that his men will win. The team has been practicing for the game with all possible diligence and no member of it lacks anything of confidence or determination. The game will be called promptly at 3 o'clock. Will Pixley will act as umpire.

THREE RACES FOR HILDRETH

Owensboro, Mechanus and Tolanon Win for Eastern Turfman at Tanageran Track.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Horses from the Hildreth track won three races at Tanageran today. His colors were carried to victory by Owensboro, Mechanus and Tolanon. In the opening event the Hildreth stable, a head. The defeats of the Hildreth stable were costly to the public. A good card was presented and the betting was lively. Weather fine and track good. First race, one and one-half miles, purse: The Bobby, 20 (Donnick), 15 to 1, won; Belle, 15 (Hildreth), 3 to 1, second; Loo-cochee, 10 (O'Connor), 10 to 1, third. Time: 1:28. Second race, one and one-eighth miles, selling: Owensboro, 10 (O'Connor), 10 to 1, won; Morise, 10 (O'Connor), 10 to 1, third. Time: 1:28. Third race, six furlongs, Owners' handicap: Mechanus, 10 (O'Connor), 10 to 1, won; Hildreth, 10 (O'Connor), 10 to 1, second; Theory, 10 (J. Walsh), 10 to 1, third. Time: 1:18. Fourth race, one mile, purse: Tolanon, 10 (J. Walsh), 10 to 1, won; Belle, 10 (O'Connor), 10 to 1, second; Loo-cochee, 10 (O'Connor), 10 to 1, third. Time: 1:48. Fifth race, six and one-half furlongs, headstare, 10 (O'Connor), 10 to 1, won; Tolanon, 10 (O'Connor), 10 to 1, second; Belle, 10 (O'Connor), 10 to 1, third. Time: 1:28. Sixth race, six furlongs, Owners' handicap: Owensboro, 10 (O'Connor), 10 to 1, won; Belle, 10 (O'Connor), 10 to 1, second; Theory, 10 (J. Walsh), 10 to 1, third. Time: 1:28. Coming Event, Mercoito, Afrida, Slips and Jingle Jinks also ran.

WALSH RIDES THREE WINNERS.

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BOXING MATCH NEAR PARIS.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—A boxing match at the Hippodrome yesterday between George Golwyn and Ted Casterly for 100 francs. The contest was in a cruel way, but was decided at the conclusion of the second round by the referee, who was present, announced that he would take proceedings against the pugilists.

STOON TO RIDE AT TANGORAN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—It is announced that Tom Sloan will ride Vesuvius at Tangoran on Christmas, under the license granted by the San Francisco Jockey club. It is possible that he may continue to accept mounts during the entire winter meeting.

LORD BERTHOUD III.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Lord William Bessford is suffering from peritonitis. This morning his condition is reported as slightly improved. In consequence of Lord Bessford's illness the Christmas festivities at Grosvenor place, where he resides, have been abandoned.

FRONTIERS AT CHRISTMAS TIME.

MIDDLEBORO, O., Dec. 24.—Lester Romine died at his home, north of here, this afternoon from the effects of a bullet wound inflicted last night by his brother, Herbert Romine. Herbert, who was under the influence of liquor, had been drinking. His brother snatched his cap from his head and declared he would shoot if the other man did not stop drinking. Herbert was joking Lester snatched the cap again, whereupon Herbert pulled a revolver and shot Lester just below the heart. Herbert is under arrest.

GREETINGS TO KRUGER.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 24.—The common council of this city today adopted a resolution tonight extending President Kruger an official welcome to the city. It is understood that the members of this action the city clerk, Lamarcaux, sent the following cablegram to President Kruger: "The citizens of Grand Rapids, Michigan, extend their warmest greetings and most urgent request you to visit our city and meet more than 20,000 of your countrymen (Signed) Common Council, Grand Rapids."

MISSIONARIES RETURN TO CHINA.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 24.—The steamer Olympia sailed for the Orient tonight. It carries, consists of about 20,000 sacks of Washington flour, tobacco, beer and merchandise. Among the passengers are Dr. Woodberry, Dr. L. Wong and Miss E. Jones, missionaries from New York, who returned to this country at the city of Tacoma. They are now returning to continue the work which was interrupted by the Boxer uprising.

LITTLE BOYS BURNED TO DEATH.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 24.—Three boys of Dick Lamberson were burned to death in the room in the North Little Rock hotel this afternoon. Their father had locked them in the room on the second story while he went to the dentist. They started a fire while playing with matches and were burned to death before the firemen could reach them. Their ages were 7, 8 and 9. The family moved to this city four days ago from Tennessee.

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CONGER HAS SIGNED NOTE

American Minister at Peking Reports His Action by Cable.

CHINESE LIKELY TO SUBSCRIBE AT ONCE

Envoys Seem Disinclined to Parley for Amendments to Agreement, Whether They Like it or Not—Step Considered Important.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Hay has received a cablegram from Minister Conger, at Peking, announcing that he had signed the agreement reached by the foreign ministers, but had done so with a written explanatory statement setting forth the exact position of his government. The text of the statement is not forwarded by Mr. Conger, but it is understood to be based upon the last instruction he received from the department, which, while disapproving the inclusion in the agreement of some of the more severe language, accepted it as the best arrangement that could be made at this time.

It is believed that the United States, also, while sanctioning the provisions of the permanent lines of communication, legation guards and prohibition of the importation of arms into China, indicates clearly that constitutional reasons prevent the executive from making any pledge to take part in the execution of these plans.

The signature of the agreement by the Chinese envoys which is regarded here as the most difficult phase of the negotiations as to China, for it is not doubted that the Chinese envoys will subscribe to the agreement without amendments. Its conclusion has been marked by one of the most curious mistakes in the history of international exchange, for by a cipher error, the majority of the last signatories found that they did exactly what they did not intend to do, and moreover, that the error was irremediable.

JAMAICAN LABORERS REBEL

Halfbred Construction Gangs Are Arming to Make Trouble for American Company's Foremen.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 24.—Letters just received here from Ecuador, report increasing trouble between the American foremen and the Jamaican laborers, who are constructing the railroad in that country under the concession obtained by James McDonald & Co. of New York. As a result of the disturbances several Jamaicans have been shot and one of the American foremen had to take refuge elsewhere. The laborers are now arming and serious trouble is expected.

REGULAR SERVICE TO ALASKA

Vancouver May Bonus Northern Steamship Line to Operate Connection with Yukon Ports.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 24.—The city will submit to the taxpayers a proposition to bonus or guarantee a northern steamship service to Alaska and connections with Yukon ports. The terms are not settled, but the scheme probably will involve a civic guaranty for a term of years of 5 or 6 per cent dividends on a capital of \$100,000. It is hoped also to secure a liberal subsidy from the general government.

PUBLIC WELCOME AT WINNIPEG.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 24.—Elaborate preparations are being made to give a public welcome to the soldiers who will return from South Africa this week. The train will be met by Lieutenant Governor Colonel McMullan, Premier Roblin and members of the local government, members of the city council, school and park boards and a number of military bodies. With the returned soldiers, they will parade to Holy Trinity church, where the prime minister, Arthur Meighen, Mackenzie Bowden, will conduct short thanksgiving services for the safe return of the general. This will be followed by a banquet and in the evening a promenade concert and ball will be held. All of the soldiers who have previously returned will take part.

VENEZUELAN SECRETARY REVOLTS.

CURACAO, Dutch Guiana, Dec. 24.—(Via Haytian Cable).—Celestino Peraza, formerly the secretary general of President Castro of Venezuela, has revolted against the Venezuelan government near Loeza, in the Guairico district. A force of 2,500 Venezuelan troops, under General Aristides Fandee, has been sent against Peraza.

BURNED TO DEATH.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 24.—At a fire which destroyed the store and dwelling of Robert Lithco, on Queen street, today his son, Henry, was burned to death and his wife so severely injured by jumping from a window that her life is despaired of. The other members of the family saved themselves by jumping.

SENATE PASSES AMNESTY BILL.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The senate this afternoon adopted the amendment to the amnesty bill by a vote of 201 to 11, after an exhortation by the premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, to vote for the measure and deliver the country from the nightmare of the Dreyfus affair.

Three Meals a Day.



How many years of her life does a woman spend over the hot cook stove getting those three meals a day? Baching, head throbbing, nerves twitching, it's all the same, there are three meals a day to be prepared. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription cannot lighten woman's labor, but it can and does increase her strength. It cures those disorders of the womanly organs which undermine woman's vitality. Do not waste Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription too highly as a tonic for tired, worn-out women who are afflicted with female weakness. It writes Mrs. Ira W. Holmes of Cedar Rapids, Iowa: "I have had very much and a skillful physician once said to me in secret words, 'You are being wasted.' I am of cases where it has really worked wonders."

JAP ROSE SOAP. The Ideal Toilet and Bath Soap. LOOKS LIKE GLASS FEELS LIKE VELVET. Jas. S. Kirk & Co., Chicago.

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