

PHILIPPINES AGENTS.

They Are in Washington to Interview the President.

ATTITUDE OF THE INSURGENTS.

Jose Lopez, One of Aguinaldo's Representatives, Denies that the Filipinos Are Asking Help From European Governments.

Washington, Sept. 28.—General Francis V. Greene, who was made a major general of volunteers for distinguished service in the invasion of the Philippines, accompanied by his personal staff and the delegates from the Philippine insurgents, arrived here yesterday afternoon from Chicago and went to the Arlington hotel. The two Filipinos are Felipe Agoncillo and Jose Lopez. They are the personal representatives of Aguinaldo, and are on their way to Paris to secure representation on the Spanish-American peace commission, with a view to the recognition of the insurgent government in the Philippines.

General Greene and staff called at the adjutant general's office and were escorted to the White House by General Corbin. The Philippine delegates are desirous of conferring with the president and the question of their reception was under consideration at the state department yesterday afternoon. There is no doubt that the president will grant them an audience in their personal capacity. They will, however, avoid any action that would lead to commit this government to the recognition of the insurgent government pending the conclusion of peace conditions with Spain.

Speaking of the conditions in the Philippines, Mr. Lopez said the Philippine congress was now conducting the business of this portion of the country under Philippine rule with singular ability and success. The meetings had begun since the departure of the delegates, yet they were familiar with the character of those conducting the congress. They were, he said, men of intelligence and ability, most of them having received their education in Europe. Their councils were harmonious and were conducted with all the requirements of modern parliamentary usage. The presiding officer, Mr. Lopez said, was that conspicuous figure in the struggles of the Philippines, Paterno, a man whose ability had been recognized by Spain by conferring on him an order of knighthood and the Grand Cross of the Order of Elizabeth.

Paterno was educated in Europe and spent 29 years in travel and observation at the leading capitals. Mr. Lopez said that Paterno and many others of like education and refinement did away with the prevalent idea that the Filipino congress was a crude and semi-barbarous gathering of natives. He says the country at large is enjoying a most peaceful and prosperous period, now that Spanish rule is at an end, and native officials are directing the local affairs. These officials, he declares, are showing much aptitude for municipal government, and they also have the advantage of holding the confidence of the people.

When Mr. Lopez was asked as to the reports that the Filipinos were soliciting help from European governments he declared that such reports were utterly unfounded and unjust. They were acting in the most perfect good faith with the American authorities. As an evidence of this he cited that fact that the German consular office on the island had requested a conference with Aguinaldo, but that leader had refused to grant the conference. Mr. Lopez also characterized as unwarranted the stories that Germany was secretly equipping the Philippine insurgents in order to bring about international dissensions and embarrass American control.

DEPOPULATED CUBA.

Of the 745,000 Population, Only 320,000 Are Whites.

Havana, Sept. 28.—The transport Resolute arrived here from Key West yesterday. General Wade and his staff and Charles W. Gould, special representative of the department of justice on the American commission, came ashore as soon as the steamer arrived and proceeded to the Trocha hotel at Vedado.

The latest estimate places the native population of the island at 745,000, of which only 320,000 are whites. Considering the area of the island immigration, therefore, will be the principal feature of the new order of development in the country.

Reports from Guinaes, this province, say that no farmer or land holder or tenant has turned his hand to the sowing of crops in that vicinity, and the district, therefore, will have no potatoes, tobacco, cane, cabbage or other vegetables this year. This will further impoverish the district and add to the distress. From now until February it will be impossible for the farmers to sow crops, and in February the ground will be prepared for the spring harvest. Therefore, the next six months will see a great deal of want and misfortune in that vicinity. This state of affairs is directly due to the unsettled condition of the country and the attitude of a certain portion of the Cubans, who openly threaten hostility to the United States and are preparing to take the field and wage a guerilla warfare against the Americans if any form of government short of absolute independence for the Cubans is established in the island.

Delaware Officials Confident.

Dover, Sept. 28.—"We are confident of our ground now," said Attorney General White as he carried an immense roll of papers to the express office addressed to Bernard J. McVey, San Francisco, Cal. "I have been advised by Chief Lees that upon receipt of these papers, prepared as they are, Governor Budd will immediately order Mrs. Botkin's release to us. We have complied with the letter of the law and precedent."

Shafter Goes to California. San Francisco, Sept. 28.—Letters have been received here from General Shafter in which he announces that he will soon return as commander of the department of California. General Merriam will then probably return to the department of Columbia.

SEVENTY MINERS ENTOMBED.

Eight Are Dead and the Others Had Narrow Escapes.

Brownsville, Pa., Sept. 24.—Seventy men were entombed yesterday in the Empire mine of Snowden, Gould & Co., one-fourth of a mile below town, as the result of an explosion of gas, followed by another explosion of fire-damp. Of the number entombed all escaped or were taken out by rescuing parties except eight, who were killed outright, and three more or less.

Following is the list of the dead: John Halston, miner, aged 35, colored, wife and two children; Salem Halston, miner, his brother, aged 25, single; Robert Davidson, miner, aged 45, white, no family; John Bennett, driver, aged 22, single; William P. Ritchard, miner, aged 50, wife and seven children; Henry Hagar, driver, aged 17; John Cartwright, miner, aged 50, married, but no children; James Hall, miner, aged 27, unmarried.

At the coroner's inquest today Fire Boss Henry Farrar and Pit Boss James Broderick gave evidence that indicated that the eight men were victims of neglect. They admitted that it was known that gas lurked in the chambers, and that miners were permitted to work in the vicinity of the gas with naked lamps. It was admitted that the miners were allowed to remain at work for several hours a few days ago after the air giving ventilating fan had broken down, and this in violation of law. On March 5 last Mine Inspector Loutitt wrote to the company warning them of the dangerous condition of the mine and instructing them to have the matter attended to.

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 24.—Patrick Houston, who has been on trial all week charged with the murder of his brother, Michael, was acquitted yesterday. The body of Michael was found in the woods riddled with shot. The evidence against Patrick was purely circumstantial.

Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 24.—While blasting stumps on Peter Bixler's farm, near Centreville, William Wheeler, of Jacksonville, accidentally discharged some dynamite. Wheeler was instantly killed. William Baker, a tenant, and his two sons were seriously injured. It is supposed a burning match fell into the dynamite bucket.

Middletown, Pa., Sept. 24.—Private Mayhew, Company I, Fourteenth Pennsylvania, tried to commit suicide yesterday at Harrisburg by throwing himself in front of an approaching train. He was dragged off the tracks by a provost guard and locked up in the station. He has been drinking heavily and is bordering on delirium tremens.

Doylestown, Pa., Sept. 25.—Sentence was deferred upon the motion of counsel for a new trial before Judge Yerkes in the case of Susan Weaver, convicted of murder in the second degree. Mrs. Weaver was convicted of aiding her husband in an assault upon a constable and posse on Feb. 23 last, which resulted in the killing of Ervin Mondeau, a deputy.

Norristown, Pa., Sept. 25.—John Pierman, held at the county jail for originating several incendiary fires in Pottstown and vicinity, was given a final hearing at the county jail Saturday by Squire Lenhart, when he broke down and confessed to having started 18 fires since April, 1897. The prisoner, who is 25 years old, was committed without bail for court.

McKeesport, Pa., Sept. 27.—Hon. Thomas Tillbrook, ex-mayor of this city, died last evening, aged 59 years. Mr. Tillbrook was stricken with paralysis last Saturday evening, and remained unconscious until death came. He was the first mayor of McKeesport. Mr. Tillbrook was subsequently elected a member of the state legislature, and gained prominence by his bitter fight against the greater Pittsburg bill.

McKeesport, Pa., Sept. 27.—A wholesale poisoning of colored people at Mrs. Belle Robinson's boarding house yesterday may result in the death of three victims. Shortly after dinner all who drank coffee at the meal were taken violently ill, and three of those poisoned are in a critical condition. They are Belle Robinson, Mrs. Hattie Williams and William Pulpus, the last named being taken to the hospital. The other three victims, who will recover, are John Wilkins and two children, William West, a young negro who is said to have been jealous of Mrs. Robinson, is accused of the crime of putting some powerful poison in the coffee.

Bellefonte, Pa., Sept. 26.—Thomas Collins, the last but one of the once widely known firm of railroad contractors, Collins Brothers, died yesterday at his home in this city, aged 75 years. He had been ill for the past year or two, and was convalescent from an attack of typhoid fever, when gangrene set in and caused his death. The firm of which Thomas Collins was the ruling spirit is said to have built hundreds of miles of railroads more than any other firm in the world. It was composed of six brothers, born of poor parents and with but few educational opportunities. During its career the firm made and lost several large fortunes. Thomas was prominent in Democratic politics in this state. He was a member of the legislature of 1857-58, and in 1892 was a delegate to the convention which nominated Cleveland for president.

Pittsburg, Sept. 27.—Joseph Howley, chairman of the Democratic county committee, was arrested yesterday at Braddock on a charge of conspiracy preferred by George Shaughnessy. Mr. Howley at once gave bail for a hearing on Friday next. The arrest was made just previous to the holding of the Democratic convention at Braddock for the nomination of a judge for common pleas No. 3. This was the second convention held for this purpose, the nomination certificates of both Robb and Marron, who were nominated by different factions at the previous convention, being declared illegal by the Dauphin county court. The arrest of Howley was the outcome of the convention held Sept. 1, when Shaughnessy claims Howley and others conspired to nominate John S. Robb, a Republican, and prevent the nomination of a Democrat. Yesterday's convention nominated Robb.

JOHNNY APPLESEED.

A UNIQUE AND USEFUL CHARACTER OF PIONEER DAYS.

He Wandered Over the Western Plains Scattering Apple Seeds Wherever He Went—The Incalculable Value of His Strange Missionary Efforts.

Among the heroes of endurance and of creative action was one man whose name deserves to be perpetuated. He was "Johnny Appleseed," by which name Jonathan Chapman was known in every cabin on the Ohio river to the northern lakes and west to what is now Indiana. With two canoes lashed together thistintrepid youth of 26 transported a load of appleseeds to the western frontier for the purpose of creating orchards. He passed down the Ohio to Marietta, ascending the Muskingum on upward to the head of navigation. A long, hard voyage it was, for the lone traveler stopped at every inviting place to plant his seeds.

His canoe voyage in 1806 appears to have been the only occasion upon which he adopted that method of transportation, all subsequent journeys being made on foot. Securely packed in leather bags the seeds were sometimes conveyed on the back of a horse and sometimes on his own shoulders, when he would often journey a distance of 150 miles. The frontiersman who felt himself protected by his rifle against the wild beasts and hostile Indians found it necessary to guard against the insidious enemies in the grass by wrapping bandages of dried grass about his buckskin leggings; but young Chapman would shoulder his bag of seeds, and with bare feet penetrate to the remotest parts. Even in the coldest weather he went barefoot, but sometimes for long journeys he would make himself a rude pair of sandals. It seems to have been a matter of conscience with him never to purchase shoes, though he never was without money.

One cold winter day he was traveling barefoot through the snow when a settler forced the acceptance of an old pair of shoes upon him. A few days after the donor met "Johnny" contentedly plodding along with his feet bare and half-frozen. With some anger he inquired into the matter and learned that Johnny had met a poor man who seemed to need them more than he did, so he gave them up.

He was very eccentric in dress wearing a garment made of a coffee sack in which he cut holes for his head and arms and pronounced it "a very serviceable cloak, and as good as any man need wear." In the matter of head-gear, his taste was equally unique; his first experiment was a tin vessel that served for his cooking, but this was open to the objection that it did not protect his eyes from the beams of the sun, so he constructed a hat of pasteboard with an immense peak in front, which became his permanent fashion.

During the war of 1812 Johnny Appleseed continued his wanderings and was never harmed by the bands of hostile Indians, who regarded him as a "great medicine man" on account of his eccentric dress and actions.

For forty-six years he devoted his life to this self-imposed mission and died a placid and beautiful death at the age of 72. Thus passed one of the memorable men of pioneer times, who never inflicted pain, nor knew an enemy. A self-denying benefactor of his race, homeless, solitary and ragged, he trod the earth with bleeding feet, intent only upon making the wilderness fruitful. His deeds will last as long as the apples blossom, and the story of his life will be a perpetual proof that true heroism, pure benevolence and noble virtues that deserved immortality may be found under the meanest apparel.

Court Advised a Week's Drunk. James A. Hill, father of Philip Hill who was to have been hanged, recently, was arraigned before Judge Bernard McKenna at Central Station Pittsburg, on a charge of drunkenness. Policeman James Lowrie found him lying on Chatham street, about an hour after the execution was appointed to have taken place. He was paralyzed drunk.

"Hill, what have you to say for yourself?" asked Judge McKenna. "I was glad that my son wasn't hung yesterday," said the prisoner. "You had a proper excuse for getting drunk," remarked the Judge, "and I would advise you to go on another toot to-day again."

"I'm not a drinking man, but when word arrived that my son was not to be hung I just went and filled up." "If I were you I would go on a drunk for a whole week." "Thanks, your Honor, I will," and Hill slammed his hat on his head and started at a 2:20 gag for the nearest saloon. All the policemen were told to let him jubilate.

Some Indiana Divorces. The unusual spectacle of a mother and daughter both appearing at court the same day asking for divorces was presented in the Superior Court at Anderson, Ind., not long ago. Both were granted the decrees. The mother was Mrs. Ella Barton, and she charged intoxication. The daughter was Mrs. Minnie Stanley, and her charge was cruelty.

Recently, in the same county, the filing of a suit for divorce revealed a more remarkable case than this. It was found that the applicant's two sisters had been divorced, that her mother had been divorced three times, two aunts had been granted two divorces, and the grandmother had also a good divorce record.

ADVERTISED FOR BURGLARS

He Wanted Them to Call and Steal His Valuable Heirlooms.

A man rushed into the business office of one of the Chicago daily papers and stopped at the advertising window. There he secured a pad of paper and a pencil with a string to it. He wrote and erased, and then tore up what he had written, chewing the fragments savagely while he made another copy. "There," he said, at last, as he thrust the paper into the hand of the advertising clerk, "count the words and tell me what they will cost for one insertion—I reckon that will fetch them."

This was the advertisement: "Burglars are requested to call some night this week on Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Brown, 200 Ash court. A door and window will be left open, and every facility offered for removing the spoils." "But this is a very unusual form of advertisement," said the clerk, with a troubled look. "I don't know whether to put it under the head of personal or educational. What is your motive, may I ask?" "My motive," said the advertiser, "is to get rid of an awful incubus of inherited truck without any responsibility fastened upon me. I might burn the house down, but in that case I would be expected to save the heirlooms or perish with them. Say, young man, were you ever the victim of a legacy?"

"No," said the clerk, with a friendly grin. "What a funny question." "No old maid aunt ever died, and left you a dozen battered silver teaspoons that had come down from Oliver Cromwell?"

"Never!" "Lucky chap! Never had a solid silver punch bowl bequeathed to you by a bibulous old uncle who was a disgrace to the family while he lived, but promised to return and haunt you if you didn't entertain his comrades once a year out of that bowl?"

"I should say not." "Nor a great-grandmother who left you a silver soup ladle with a coat of arms of some unknown dead and gone ancestor, which must be placed under your pillow every night for safe keeping?"

"No," said the clerk. "I belong to plain, everyday people, and we haven't a coat of arms to our back."

"Be thankful, young man; you little realize what a blessed lot is yours. To crown our misfortunes, another relative died in Paris last week and left us her diamonds. But I draw the line at diamonds, and so does my wife. We take turns now sitting up with the silver. After the burglars come and clean us out we shall begin to live. Put that advertisement in a good place, and I'll let you know if we hear from it. S'long."

A German scientist is of opinion that women will have beads some time in the remote future.

The Plaintiff of a Stubborn Juror. An English juror once asked the judge, after the verdict was returned, whether the fact that he differed from his eleven brethren justified their knocking him down with a chair!

A Novel Object Lesson. The authorities of the Kansas University dismissed all the natural history classes on circus day recently to enable the students to study the animals.

Posey is the name of a St. Louis florist.

Pa's Point of View.



Bobby—Pop, what is a bachelor? Henpeck—A very lucky and much-to-be envied man, Bobby.

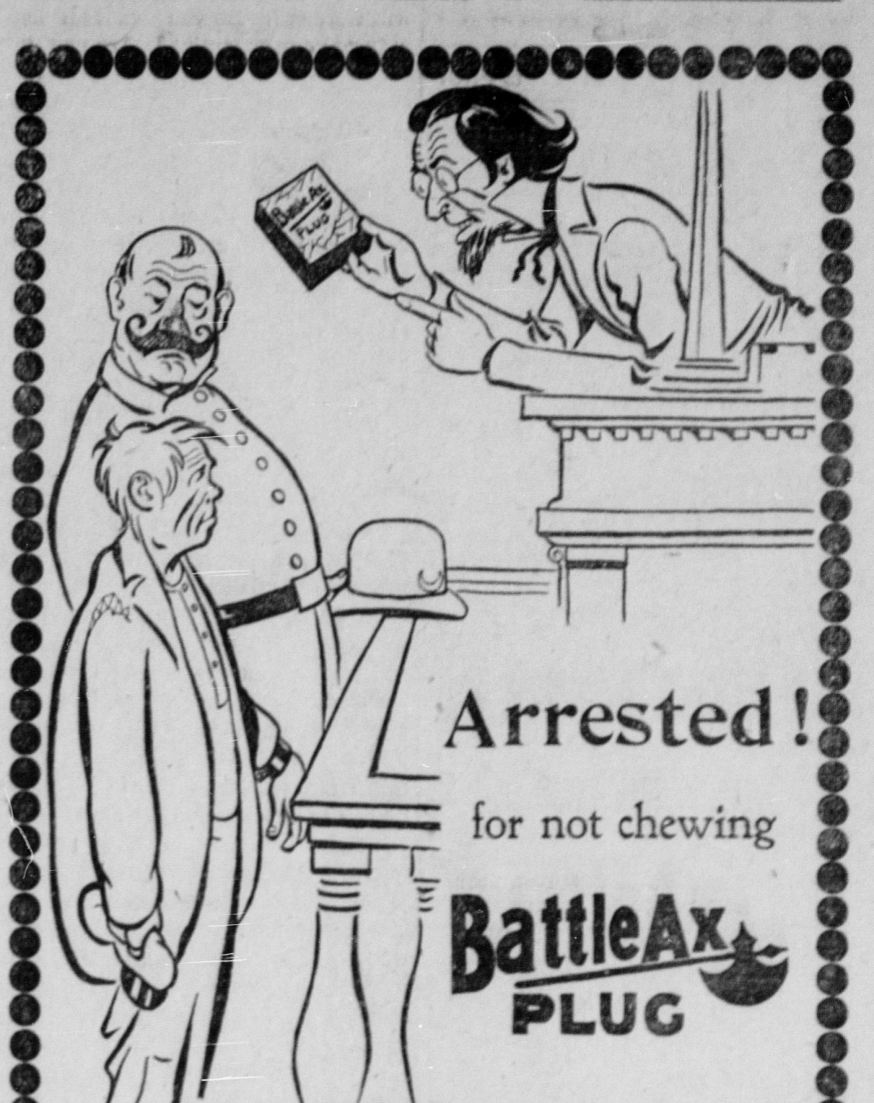
A Topeko clergyman says he makes more by performing marriage ceremonies than he does by preaching.

Folly Gave the Fire Alarm. An up-to-date parrot, the pet of the family of Friedrich Mahla of Lenni, Penn., doubtless saved the lives of the entire household from perishing in the burning of their home. Mr. Mahla was awakened about 5 o'clock a. m. by unearthly screeches from the parrot in the dining-room below. On coming downstairs he found the entire lower part of the house, which was of frame, on fire, and the family had barely time to escape.

In the hasty exit of the family the parrot was not forgotten, and was taken out, half choked to death with smoke. It was about the only thing saved from the fire, as the house and nearly all the furniture and the store and stock of goods adjoining were consumed.

A Long Wait For Nothing. A visitor to the World's Fair in 1893, who was kicked by a horse and who sued the exposition company for \$50,000, has just found out that he had no case.

The Detroit man who is sued for \$299 for breach of promise evidently proposed on bargain day.



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