

WAR INVESTIGATORS.

Their Report Rebukes Charges of Corrupt Practices.

MILES CHARGES NOT SUSTAINED.

The Beef Furnished the Soldiers Was in Fine Condition, and the Commissioners Are Satisfied That No Chemicals Were Used in Preparing It.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The report submitted to the president last Wednesday by the commission appointed by him to investigate the conduct of the war department in the war with Spain was made public last night. The report is an unanimous one, all the members of the commission having signed it except Colonel Sexton, whose death occurred Feb. 4. The report is a voluminous document, containing about 53,000 words, and an official abstract, prepared by the secretary of the commission, in print following.

There has been no evidence before us that any one in or connected with the war department has dishonestly received a dollar. We have made persistent efforts to secure the attendance of persons to whose names rumor had attached an allegation that they knew of corruption of officials in the war department, but these men have either denied the statements attributed to them or have maintained silence when invited to tell what they knew.

Under existing laws the officers of the army are retired when they reach the age of 64. We have had before us many suggestions made by officers on the retired list, who are men of experience and distinction, that this law should be so amended as to give to the president the right of call into active service any retired officer during a war.

The report now takes up the war department and its various chiefs of subdivisions, beginning with the secretary of war. It says:

"The records of the war department which have been laid before us show that the secretary of war extended to all chiefs of bureaus cordial and full support, and promptly responded to every proper demand made upon him by commanding officers."

"No testimony has been presented showing intentional neglect of duty, nor any attempt to serve personal interests. The charges made that the secretary of war was peculiarly interested in contracts, purchases and other transactions of the war department have been thoroughly examined and found baseless.

"In spite of every effort there were occasions where troops suffered from poor tentage or from lack of tentage and absence of straw for bedding, where clothing was scarce and troops suffered discomfort for lack of shoes, shirts and other articles of apparel."

"Although Dr. Daly swears he informed General Miles about the lat of August, 1898, that he suspected that the refrigerated beef was chemically treated, it does not appear that the general informed you or the war department that the officer of his staff had made this discovery."

EX-TREASURER HAYWOOD DYING.

Physicians Declare He Can Live but a Few Days Longer.



BENJAMIN J. HAYWOOD.

Haywood, at Sharon, stating that the condition of the ex-treasurer is unimproved, although the patient was resting comfortably. The doctors declare, however, that he cannot live more than two or three days longer.

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 11.—James Hughes, a young son of Mrs. Mary G. Hughes, yesterday gave his twin baby brothers poison in mistake for medicine, and both died.

Pittsburg, Feb. 11.—Three fatalities have been reported in this vicinity. Hugh Gallagher, a miner employed at Lisenring by the Frick Coke company, was frozen to death while on his way home from work.

Altoona, Pa., Feb. 16.—Michael Sanford, aged 68, was found frozen to death at his home in Gallitzin Tuesday afternoon. He was the proprietor of the Osceola Opera House, and was bankrupted by the big fire at that place in 1899.

Harrisburg, Feb. 16.—The McCarrell jury bill was postponed yesterday by the house until March 21 by a vote of 93 to 92. The bill was reached on second reading shortly after 5 o'clock and was discussed for more than an hour before this decision was reached.

A Drunkard's Double Crime. New York, Feb. 16.—George Panzeter, while intoxicated last night, shot and killed his wife and John Goeltz, a cigar-maker, who boarded in the house with Mrs. Panzeter.

Cold Wave Strikes Mexico. Mexico City, Feb. 16.—The cold wave has struck the Gulf coast of the state of Vera Cruz, inflicting much loss to planters. Much damage has been done to coffee, tobacco and vanilla plants.

The President in Boston. Boston, Feb. 15.—President McKinley and party left Washington for Boston last evening over the Pennsylvania road, and arrived in Boston this forenoon. The party consists of the president, Secretaries Alger, Long and Bliss, Postmaster General Smith, Representative Grosvenor, Mr. Porter and Mr. Cortelyou, secretaries to the president; Major Hopkins and Mr. Thoin, one of the White House doorkeepers.

ALL HANDS RESCUED.

Crew of the Steamer William Lawrence Landed at Savannah.

THEIR TERRIBLE SUFFERINGS.

Four of the Men Will Lose Feet and Several May Lose Their Ears—Were Without Food or Drink For Over Forty-eight Hours.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 16.—Every member of the crew of the wrecked steamer William Lawrence was saved, but only after the greater number of them had suffered terrible hardships. The tug Cambria and Cynthia came in last evening from the Sea Islands of South Carolina, bringing with them Captain A. L. Willis and 13 men, constituting those who have been missing since Sunday morning, when the ship was abandoned in the breakers off Port Royal.

Captain Willis and his men suffered but little less than the crew of Mate Beale's boat. They left the ship at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning. After 12 hours at sea in a blinding, freezing gale, the two boats made land on Capers Island, a desolate and bare little sand spot. In beaching both of the boats were smashed and the men were thrown into the surf.

The men hovered over the blaze during the sleet and snow storm of Sunday night and Monday, when the mercury was marking 8 to 10 above zero. On Tuesday morning one of the boats was patched up and both crews got into it to reach Port Royal.

At the hospital it was learned that Chief Engineer Roach would lose one foot and all of the toes of the other; that Steward Bingle would lose both feet, and that two seamen would lose one foot each. Several of the men may lose one or both ears.

REMEMBERING THE MAINE.

The Wrecked Vessel and the Graves of Her Heroes Decorated.

Havana, Feb. 16.—The sun shone brightly yesterday morning for the first time in several days, when the wreck of the United States battleship Maine, destroyed in Havana harbor, on the evening of Feb. 15, 1898, was decorated with a large American flag. At 9 o'clock the Stars and Stripes was hoisted at half mast by Captain Eaton of the United States auxiliary cruiser Resolute, who, with Mrs. Estes Rathbone and Mrs. Dudley and ten sailors of the Resolute, rowed to the sunken battleship. The only others taking part were a battalion, with officers, of the First Maine heavy artillery.

At 10 o'clock high mass was celebrated in memory of the Maine victims in the Merced church, at which Major General Ludlow and several of his staff were present. The ceremony, which was very impressive, was attended by Brigadier General Ernst, representing Major General Brooke, Commodore B. J. Crowell, captain of the port, and other naval officers, city officials and leading Cubans. In the afternoon the graves at Colon cemetery were decorated.

TROOPS OFF FOR MANILA.

The Transport Sheridan Leaves New York on a Long Voyage. New York, Feb. 16.—The United States army transport Sheridan today began her long voyage to Manila by way of the Suez canal. As far as supplies went the ship was ready to sail two days ago. The cause of the delay was the blizzard, which snowed in the troops on their way to this city. One battalion of the Twelfth infantry was in Jersey City yesterday and ready to go on board the transport, but the other two battalions of that regiment, as well as the Third battalion of the Seventeenth infantry, did not arrive until today. The troops were brought over from Jersey City and marched on board of the transport as soon as they arrived, and shortly after that the Sheridan sailed away.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Friday, Feb. 10.

Cattle are freezing to death in large numbers in northwest Texas.

The cold wave has struck as far south as Florida, and crops are threatened.

It is said that should the army bill fall in the senate the president must call an extra session of congress.

A bobbed carrying a crowd of young people crashed into a trolley car in Washington. John Southey was killed and six others injured, two seriously.

A bill introduced in the national house authorizes the president to transfer Lieutenant Hobson to the line of the navy, making it possible for him to become an admiral.

Major General Wade, Colonel George W. Davis, Ninth Infantry, and Colonel Gillespie, corps of engineers, now stationed in New York, have been appointed by the president to investigate General Miles' "embalmed beef" charges.

Saturday, Feb. 11.

The army appropriation bill, as completed by the house committee, carries \$79,034,372.

The national house voted a pension of \$50 a month to ex-Senator John M. Palmer, of Illinois.

Yesterday was the coldest day, with one exception, that Philadelphia has experienced in 102 years.

Men of the Second Ohio regiment looted a number of stores at Macon, Ga., on being mustered out.

The League of American Wheelmen, in convention at Providence, voted to retain control of bicycle racing.

President McKinley yesterday attached his signature to the peace treaty, which will now be forwarded to Madrid.

A report that the bodies of Professor Andree and his companions have been discovered in North Siberia is discredited by other Arctic explorers.

Monday, Feb. 13.

A letter from the Isle Du Diable declares Captain Dreyfus to be in good health.

In the wreck of the British steamer Arno off Nab light-house, England, it is believed 13 perished.

A building of the state insane asylum at Yankton, S. D., was destroyed by fire and 17 inmates cremated.

At Silver Plume, Colo., a monster snowslide engulfed the huts of Italian miners. It is believed that 25 were killed.

A gas explosion caused a \$60,000 fire in McClurg & Co.'s publishing house, Chicago. Many valuable volumes destroyed can never be replaced.

Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Judge Dellenback was convicted at Cleveland of illegal practices.

The blizzard of 1899 extends from Savannah, Ga., to Nova Scotia, and 1,000 miles inland from the Atlantic coast.

The cost of the recasting of the navy under the pending personnel bill will be \$2,002,569.

Amos Palmer, a wealthy young man of Providence, murdered his wife after celebrating their eighth wedding anniversary.

In a cottage at Marlboro, Mass., a policeman discovered four people dead and three unconscious from coal gas asphyxiation.

Agoncillo denies General Otis' statement that he (Agoncillo) advised Aguinaldo to resist the American troops at Manila.

Wednesday, Feb. 15.

The Louisiana bayous are frozen over for the first time since the civil war.

The Carlites in Spain vigorously oppose ratifying the peace treaty.

Charles Sommers, Philadelphia's oldest letter carrier, was frozen to death while on his way to work, aged 62.

The governments of the United States and Mexico have agreed upon a new extradition treaty, which is retroactive.

Count Tolstol, the Russian philosopher, declares the czar's disarmament scheme as "only worthy of contempt and derision."

Playing poker in a shanty near Moss Grove, Pa., Juan Ferris accidentally exploded a keg of powder. The shanty was destroyed and the players blown in all directions, but none were killed.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SUBJECT'S SALE.

By virtue of a certain will of F. J. Pa... issued on 4th of Oct of C. Union, land of Centre County, Pa., and to be executed, there will be exposed to Public Sale, at the Court House, in the Borough of Bellefonte, on SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1899.

ORPHAN'S COURT SALE.

By virtue of an order of the Orphan's Court of Centre County, Pa., and to be exposed to public sale, at the late residence of George Bower, deceased, in Haines township, on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1899.

ACRES AND 16 PERCHES.

more or less, having thereon erected a two-story dwelling house, book loan and other outbuildings. Nearly the entire tract is cleared and in a high state of cultivation.

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