

TWO CENTS. BIG FIGHT IN VISAYAS

Five Hundred Natives Slain By Spaniards

SPANISH LOSS IS TRIVIAL

A Number of Insurgent Chiefs Taken and Shot—Madrid Receives a Despatch from Governor General Rios. He Feels an Invasion from the Island of Luzon.

Madrid, Aug. 24.—The government has received a despatch from General Rios, governor of the Visayas Islands, and the successor of Governor Jaume in the governor generalship of the Philippines, saying that there had been bloody fighting between the Spaniards and the insurgents, with an estimated loss to the latter of 500 men. The Spanish losses were "unimportant."

The despatch adds that a number of the insurgent chiefs were captured and shot. A sergeant of gendarmes who attempted to incite a rising against the authorities barely escaped lynching at the hands of the populace. He was turned over to the courts and shot. General Rios says that he has organized six battalions of natives and Spaniards for the purpose of resisting a threatened invasion of insurgents from the island of Luzon, and also a small squadron to watch the coasts and rivers of Mindanao Island and the Visayas.

The government is satisfied with the services of General Rios.

OHIO DEMOCRATS.

The Renomination of W. J. Bryan Is Favored.

Dayton, O., Aug. 24.—The Democratic state convention today nominated the following ticket: Secretary of state, Upton K. Guthery; judge of supreme court, Hugh G. Nichols; clerk of supreme court, David Swisher; food and dairy commissioner, John Baker; member of board of public works, L. Dwight Paul.

The platform reaffirms the Chicago national platform and says: "We particularly endorse the financial plank therein declaring for the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1, independent of any and all other national legislation." The renomination in 1900 of William J. Bryan for president is favored. The platform further favors the government and control of the islands of Cuba and the Philippines by the inhabitants thereof, favors an income tax, favors the building of a canal, favors enlarging the militia of all states and reducing the standing army; opposes alliance with England and any other foreign power, and demands that the United States senate take action upon the election of Marcus A. Hanna as senator.

WIREBACK GUILTY.

Jury Returns a Verdict of Murder in First Degree.

Lancaster, Pa., Aug. 24.—The jury in the case of Ralph W. Wireback, who since Monday of last week has been on trial here for the murder of David B. Landis, late this afternoon brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, after less than three hours' deliberation. His counsel made a motion for a new trial.

Wireback killed Landis on the 7th of April last, when the latter, accompanied by Deputy Sheriffs, visited his home for the purpose of electing him, the premises having been sold, and Wireback refused to vacate. The defense was insanity, and a large amount of expert testimony on both sides was heard. Wireback did not display the slightest emotion when the verdict was rendered.

THREE PERSONS KILLED.

Husband, Wife and Son in Front of a Train.

Petersburg, Va., Aug. 24.—A horrible accident occurred on the Atlantic Coast Line railway at a crossing known as Grossmans, a short distance from this city. Mr. J. P. Conroy, a prosperous farmer of Chesterfield county, was returning home with his wife and little son in a buggy and when he reached the crossing the young horse he was driving became unmanageable and carried the party upon the track immediately in front of the local train from Richmond to Petersburg. All the occupants of the buggy were instantly killed.

TO MAKE PROMOTIONS.

President Asks That Merritt Make Recommendations.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The president has called upon General Merritt, commanding the military forces at Manila, for his recommendations regarding the operations that resulted in the surrender of the capital of the Philippines. It is the president's purpose to promote the officers who rendered conspicuously meritorious services in the land fights at Manila just as was done in the case of the gallant officers at Santiago.

Cavalry to Be Mustered Out.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The Porto Rican cavalry to be mustered out are troops A and C of New York, the Philadelphia City troops, Sheridan troop and the Governor's troop, Pennsylvania.

STRIKE AT HONEYBROOK.

Seven Hundred Men Employed at Audenried Quit Work.

Hazleton, Pa., Aug. 24.—Seven hundred men employed at the Audenried and Honeybrook strippings of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company went out on strike today and those who did not strike were told to go home by the company officials until the grievance which caused the difficulty are adjusted. The inauguration of the strike is said to be due to the discharge of two Hungarian night shift laborers in the No. 1 strippings whose discharge has been made by the company. The company officials state that the men were incompetent for which their services were dispensed with and two other laborers engaged.

General Superintendent Richards, of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company, arrived here this afternoon and held a conference with the officials at Audenried colliery. Numerous petty strikes have occurred within the past year at Audenried and Honeybrook and each time the concessions have been made by the company. Tonight, however, Superintendent Richards posted a notice at the colliery to the effect that if the men are not at work tomorrow morning the mines will be shut down for the balance of the year.

NATIONAL RELIEF COMMISSION MEETS

Quite an Amount of Business is Transacted—President John H. Converse in the Chair.

Philadelphia, Aug. 24.—At a meeting of the National Relief commission today, John H. Converse, president, in the chair, quite an amount of business was transacted. There were present in addition to members of the commission, Governor Hastings, Mr. Martin, secretary of state, and W. E. Patton, chairman of Philadelphia select council.

FATAL THUNDER STORM.

Lightning Strikes a Summer Car at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Aug. 24.—During a heavy thunderstorm today lightning struck a summer car on the Second avenue traction line and as a result one passenger is dead, another badly hurt, and four others are badly hurt. Dead are: B. S. Freer, aged 62, a well known business man of Hazelwood. Injured: Mrs. Sarah Munnally, skull fractured, will probably die; Eugene Munnally, her son, badly cut about the head; David Thomas, head and arm cut; unknown foreigner, foot crushed; James A. Butler, shocked.

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Many Houses Are Struck by Lightning—A School Teacher Killed.

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PEACE CONVENTION.

Thirty-Second Annual Meeting at Mystic, Conn.—Motto Adopted.

Mystic, Conn., Aug. 24.—The thirty-second annual convention of the Universal Peace union opened at the Peace temple in this place today. The sessions will be held in the new temple and will continue for four days. The meeting will take the form of a peace jubilee, in celebration of the signing of the peace protocol. The important day of the convention comes tomorrow when it is expected 10,000 persons will be in attendance.

MAN UNDER THE BED.

Nurse Armed with a Fire-Shovel Captures the Fellow.

Trenton, N. J., Aug. 24.—Just after they retired last night two nurses at the Mercer county hospital thought they heard a cat under their bed. One of them got out, lit the gas, picked up a fire-shovel and said "cat!" to the cat. There was no move. She peered under the bed and then the hospital rang with the shriek: "A man!" A lumbering fellow with whiskers crawled out and scamped for the door. The nurse made for him, chased him downstairs, into the parlor, out into the hall, where he was barred by the locked door. The nurse pounded him with the shovel and made him a shivering prisoner. He begged for mercy, they let him go and then notified the police. Oliver Long was arrested on suspicion of being the intruder.

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THE HEAT CAUSES MANY DEATHS

SOLDIERS AT MONTAUK POINT COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED.

Four Men Die in the General Hospital—Three Hundred Are in the Detention Camp—780 in the Hospital—225 Have Typhoid Fever.

Camp Wikoff, Montauk Point, L. I., Aug. 24.—The heat of today completely exhausted many of the soldiers in camp and was responsible for a number of deaths. The following men died today: William H. Osborne, acting quartermaster Troop C, First United States Cavalry, typhoid fever; Private James Morris, Eighth United States Infantry, malarial fever; Private Herbert Bong, Second Indiana volunteers, dysentery; Private William Dugan, Company M, Second Massachusetts volunteers, dysentery. All expired in the general hospital.

An unknown private expired on the transport Anadia. His body was brought ashore. The report of the hospital authorities show there are 780 men in the general hospital, of whom 225 have typhoid fever. Three hundred men are in the detention camp.

The transport Leona is unloading; 191 sick men were removed to the hospital.

The Yale has on board 1,069 men of the Third and Twentieth regular infantry, of whom 178 are sick. There is no contagious disease on board. There was only one death, that of Private Copeland, of Company G, Twentieth Infantry, from exhaustion and dysentery.

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Runs Postponed.

Glens Falls, N. Y., Aug. 24.—The grand circuit race had to be postponed again today on account of rain after the second heat in the unfinished 2,300 class. John Nolan, who took the one heat yesterday finished first again today. Time, 2:13 1/2.

Henry Gage Nominated.

Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 24.—Henry Gage, of Los Angeles, was nominated for governor by acclamation today by the Republican convention.

LAST DAYS OF CAMP ALGER.

It Will Soon Be Abandoned by U. S. Troops.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Camp Alger in a few days will be abandoned finally. The troops now there will be sent to Camp Meade, Pa., which General Graham announces an ideal site for a corps encampment. The Second division of General Graham's corps is now en route to Camp Meade, and the general reported to Adjutant General Corbin tonight that as soon as the Second division had arrived he would order the First division now at Camp Alger to proceed to Camp Meade.

General Graham's telegram to the war department was as follows: Headquarters, Camp Meade, Pa., Aug. 24. Adjutant General, U. S. A., Washington: The fact there is a sufficiency of water here for 20,000 men was developed today by the completion of the last well, giving a total supply of about 120,000 gallons in twenty-four hours. This amount, it is expected, will increase under air pressure. Camp Meade is a sufficient area for the whole corps and is ideal in character. I believe the corps will be most judiciously located here. I will order the First division to move as soon as the second arrives. (Signed) GRAHAM, Major General.

General Corbin said tonight that Graham's telegram sounded the death knell of Camp Alger, and that the troops would be gotten away from there as soon as possible.

MRS. BOTKIN RESTLESS.

The Alleged Poisoner Refuses to See Reporters.

Stockton, Cal., Aug. 24.—Mrs. Botkin spent a rather restless night in her cell in the county jail here last night after having been arrested for the alleged poisoning of Mrs. Dunning and Mrs. Deane. She had nothing to say, however, and positively refused to see reporters. Dr. Stone, who had been giving Mrs. Botkin morphine for her nerves, informed the jailer that she had some kind of the drug to kill her if she should take it all at once, so it was taken from her shortly after her arrival at the jail.

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TEST'S TERRIBLE CRIME.

Scalds His Eight-Year-Old Stepdaughter to Death.

Mount Holly, N. J., Aug. 24.—Because his wife had left orders that a certain sum of money due her should not be paid to him, Thomas Test, a resident of Coolstown, came home in a rage on Monday night. He had been drinking heavily and when the members of the family sought to avoid him he seized a kettle of boiling water from the stove and threw the contents over his 8-year-old stepdaughter, Mary Matie, scalding her so badly that she died soon afterwards.

SCHLEY CONVALESCENT.

The Admiral Will Probably Report Aboard His Flagship Today.

Westport, Conn., Aug. 24.—After his forenoon visit, Dr. Gregory announced that Admiral Schley might now be said to be convalescent. The physician, moreover, found his patient so greatly improved that he deemed it safe to grant him permission to leave Saugatuck tomorrow, provided the improvement continues.

Typoid at Fort Myer.

Washington, Aug. 24.—There are about 40 cases of sickness, typhoid fever, malaria, etc., under treatment at the military post at Fort Myer, the military post opposite this city in Virginia. The patients came mostly from the camp at Falls Church and have had the accommodations of the post to the utmost.

Mayer Nominated.

Lock Haven, Pa., Aug. 24.—The conference of the Twenty-fourth judicial district met in this city today and nominated Hon. C. A. Mayer, resident judge for the fourth time. W. H. Brown, one of Clinton county's conferees, served in the same capacity for the same nominee thirty years ago.

REGIMENTS TO BE MUSTERED OUT

ORDERS ISSUED FOR THE DISCHARGE OF VOLUNTEERS.

Second New York Infantry and Troops A and C Among Them. The Letter to Come Home from Porto Rico—Philadelphia's City Troop Also to Be Discharged. Other Volunteer Infantry and Light Artillery to Be Sent Back to Their States.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Orders have been issued for the mustering out of the following regiments, Volunteer Infantry, First Vermont, First Maine, Fifty-second Iowa, Sixth Pennsylvania, Fifth Maryland, Second New York, Second Nebraska, 157th Indiana.

Volunteer Artillery: Batteries A, B, C and D of Ohio Light Artillery, First Illinois Volunteer cavalry, Batteries A and B, Georgia Light artillery, and Twenty-eighth Indiana Light battery. Volunteer cavalry: The New York and Pennsylvania troops in Porto Rico.

Orders to muster out other troops are to be announced soon. The Porto Rican cavalry mustered out are Troops A and C of New York; the Philadelphia City Troop, Sheridan Troop and the Governor's Troop of Pennsylvania.

Camp Meade, Middletown, Pa., Aug. 24.—Major General Graham issued orders today detailing Colonel William P. Duval, chief ordnance officer, as chief mustering officer of the corps. The Sixth will be the first of the Pennsylvania regiments to be sent home, as General Graham received orders today from the war department to muster out that regiment. It will probably be consolidated at Camp Meade, where a detachment is stationed, until the muster rolls have been prepared, and then sent to Mt. Gretna to be mustered out. The present plan of the war department is to muster out all the Pennsylvania troops at Mt. Gretna.

HOSPITAL TRAIN.

Leaves Philadelphia for Southern Localities.

Philadelphia, Aug. 24.—The Philadelphia hospital train left here at 8:30 this morning via the Pennsylvania and Southern railroads for Fernandina, Fla., to bring home the sick soldiers of the Third regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, who live in this city. The train consists of four hospital cars, a baggage car fitted up as a kitchen and medical headquarters and two Pullman cars for nurses, doctors and the committee of city councils under whose auspices the train is being sent south.

The train is in charge of District Passenger Agent John M. Board, of the Southern railway, and will run as the second section of the Fast Mail, which is due at Fernandina at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. The train will bring back about 75 sick soldiers and is expected to arrive in Philadelphia Saturday night or Sunday morning.

AMMONIA TANK FIRE.

Bewildered Tenants Pour Into the Streets—Many Thrilling Rescues.

New York, Aug. 25.—The explosion of a large ammonia tank set fire early this (Thursday) morning to Jacob Hoffman's Crescent brewery, of East Fifty-fifth street. The flames spread rapidly and in a short time the entire block, surrounded by Third, Fifth, fourth and Fifty-fifth streets seemed doomed.

The surrounding tenements all filled with sleeping people ignited and the bewildered tenants began to pour out into the streets by the hundreds. Many thrilling rescues of frightened men, women and children were made by the firemen.

BOYS ARE COMING HOME.

Preparations Made for Embarkation of Troops from Ponce.

Ponce, Porto Rico, Aug. 24.—Preparations are being made for the embarkation of the volunteers and cavalry ordered home from Washington. The cavalry include Troops A and C, of New York, and the following Pennsylvania troops: The Philadelphia City troop, the Sheridan troop and the Governor's troop. These are concentrated here and at Guanica and will probably sail on the transport Mississippi in the course of a few days. The men are delighted at the prospect.

QUEEN REGENT'S MESSAGE.

She Congratulates the Spanish Troops on Their Conduct.

Corunna, Spain, Aug. 24.—The queen regent sent a message to the troops who arrived today on board the Albatross, from Santiago, congratulating them upon their conduct in the field, and saying that she proposed to be the first to welcome them home. The reading of the dispatch was received with great enthusiasm.

The disembarkation is now in progress. There was no yellow fever on board, though sixty died of other diseases during the voyage.

Will Meet at Wilkes-Barre.

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Three Hundred Miners Drowned.

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Kid Knocked Out McMahon.

Toledo, O., Aug. 24.—Oscar Gardner, the "Omaha Kid," knocked out Danny McMahon, of Detroit, tonight after five rounds of fierce fighting.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Fair; Cooler; Variable Winds.

- 1 General—Philippine Insurgents Willing to Lay Down Their Arms. Five Hundred Philippine Insurgents Slain. Mustering Out Orders. 2 General—Members of the Peace Commission. Financial and Commercial. 3 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 4 Editorial. Comment of the Press. 5 Graphic Story of a Famous Sea Fight. 6 Local—Convention of Deaf Mutes. Aldermen's Brisk Business. 7 Local—National Guard's Doings Uncertain. Missionary Work in India. 8 Advertisements. 9 News Round About Scranton. 10 General—Third Brigade Passes in Review.

STORM AT SYRACUSE.

Thousands of Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed—An Italian Killed by Live Wire.

Syracuse, N. Y., Aug. 24.—A hurricane in this city this afternoon did thousands of dollars worth of damage. The roofs of four factories were blown off. The power house of the power company of the Lakeside Railroad company were badly injured by the west wall of the building falling and one of them, Electrical Engineer Carl Dinger, may die.

The street car service was delayed for a considerable length of time because of trees which fell on the rails and trolley wires.

Part of the roof of the Church of the Assumption was blown off and the statue of the Virgin Mary was blown off and lodged in the cellar. Tony Metroc, an Italian laborer, was instantly killed by a live wire falling on him.

ASBURY PARK RACES.

Fully 8,000 People Witness the Events.

Asbury Park, N. J., Aug. 24.—Fully 8,000 people witnessed the races in this city today under the auspices of the American cycle racing association. The one mile League American Wheelmen championship professional brought out a field of the most noted crack riders, including Bald, Cooper, Major Taylor, Stevens, Eaton, Gardiner and others. Bald was the favorite and to hard riding he succeeded in winning his heat and later captured the final by a superhuman spurt in the stretch.

Final heat won by Bald; Freeman second, Cooper third, Stevens fourth. Time, 2:05 4/5. The paced race between Jimmy Michael and Linford Lefferson, of Asbury Park, was an exceedingly interesting event. During the race of 13 miles, 40 pacemakers were used. Michael allowed Lefferson one half lap handicap. Michael won the race by about half a lap. The time of the two riders for the fifteen miles was: Michael, 29:46; Lefferson, 30:10.

PAWNEE PILLOWS FOR DIVORCE

Then the Pair Relented and Sued Officiating Rabbi.

New York, Aug. 24.—Having no money for Ellen, his wife, Adolph Ostrom, sword swallower, agreed with her to ask the rabbi, who married them eight months ago, for a divorce. He agreed to grant their request for \$4. The pair went, and getting some feather pillows, pawnee them for \$4. They then went back to the rabbi, who divorced them, so they said. They demanded the \$4 back. The rabbi refused. They today went before Magistrate Braam and told their story. A summons was issued for the rabbi to appear in Essex Market court tomorrow.

BOLD PLOT OF DYNAMITER.

Bomb Set to Take Life in Railroad Office but Fuse Went Out.

Lancaster, Pa., Aug. 24.—An attempt was made this afternoon to blow up the office of A. R. Moss, master mechanic of the Pennsylvania railroad at Columbia. One of the workmen found an improvised bomb, with a partially-burned fuse, dampness having caused the failure to explode. A number of men are constantly about the office, and loss of life would undoubtedly have followed an explosion. It is believed the bomb was placed where found by some railroad man who had a grudge against the master mechanic.

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Immunes for Cuba.

New York, Aug. 24.—The steamer Virginia left tonight for Cuba with the Twenty-third Kansas volunteers, consisting of 55 immunes.